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At a Council held at the Borough of Elizabeth in the Province of New Jersey on Tuesday the Twenty fourth day of February 1756

Present

His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governor

The Honble Edward Antill, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden — Esq^{rs} of His Majestys Council

His Excellency laid before the Council the Minutes of the Council of War held at New York the Twelfth of December last, Transmitted to him by General Shirley & Desired the opinion of the Board whether it be Necessary to call the Assembly together as soon as Conveniently may be on the Matters Contained therein

The Council having Considered the same are Unanimously of opinion that it be Necessary for his Excellency to call the Assembly together here as soon as Possible

His Excellency also laid before the Council a Large Number of Petitions from the Inhabitants of the Countys of Hunterdon & Sussex Relating to the Murders & Depredations Committed by the French and Indians in the Neighbouring Province of Pensylvania, and the dangers they are Exposed to as they are the Frontiers of this Province.[1]

Which Petitions the Council advise his Excellency to Lay before the house of Assembly at their Next Meeting

His Excellency Laid before the Council Two, Affidavits Relating to the Conduct, of Ebenezer Tingley Esqr on a Tryal Between, William Masters and Thomas Griffin a Sergeant belonging to the Provincial Forces, and for Speaking words of Dangerous Consequence to the Community &

[1] See Gordon's History of New Jersey, 122.

Tending to Raise Mutiny & Cause Desertion Among his Majestys Troops

The Council are of opinion that Copys of said Affidavit & Copy of this Minut be Served on Mr Tingley, so that he appear at the Next Meeting of the Governor and Council on the Twelfth day of March Next to Shew Cause if any he has why he should not be Proceeded against for the Matters Contained in said Affidavits

His Excellency Nominated Mr John Vroom to be appointed one of His Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County of Somerset, to which the Council Advised

His Excellency by the advice of Council was pleased to Sign the following Warrants

		£	s	d
N° 405	To himself or order for a Quarters Salary as Governor of this Province for the Quarter Ended the 21st Inst	250 „	0 „	0
N° 406	To himself or order for a Quarters House Rent due the 21st Inst.....	15 „	0 „	0
N° 407	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Inst.....	6 „	5 „	0
N° 408	To Richard Saltar Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Inst.....	6 „	5 „	0
N° 409	To Samuell Smith Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Inst.....	10 „	0 „	0
N° 410	To Andrew Johnston Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Inst.....	10 „	0 „	0

N° 411	To Courtland Skinner Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Attorney General of this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Inst.....	7 „ 10 „ 0
N° 412	To Charles Read Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council for this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Ins^{t}.....	7 „ 10 „ 0
N° 413	To John Smith or order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits for this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Ins^{t}.....	5 „ 0 „ 0
N° 414	To Anthony Elton or order for a Quarters Salary as Door Keeper to the Council of this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Ins^{t}.....	2 „ 10 „ 0
N° 415	To Abra^{m} Clerk[1] Junr (Clerk of the Assembly) or order for Sixteen days Attendance in November & December last Copying the Laws and Minutes & Recording the same.....	10 „ 12 „ 8
N° 416	To James Parker for printing the Votes of the House of Assembly as ℔ his Account agreed to by John Johnston & Shoball Smith Esq^{rs} ℔ Certificate.....	61 „ 7 „ 0

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Tuesday the Sixteenth Day of March 1756

Present
His Excellency the Governor

The Honble Edward Antill, Andrew Johnston, Lewis M Ashfield } Esq^{rs} of his Majestys Council

[1] Clark.

His Excellency Nominated the following Gentlemen to be Judges of the Pleas in the County of Monmouth Viz[t]

Jonathan Forman
John Anderson
Humphry Wady
David Rhe
John Taylor
John Little
} Esq[rs] or any Two

Also the Following Gentlemen to be appointed Justices of the Peace in said County All the Gentlemen of the Council, Secretary, Attorney General

1 Thomas Woodward	2 Robert Montgomery
3 Stephen Pangbourn	4 Amos White
5 Tunis Denice	6 Joseph Stilwell
7 William Hendrickson	8 Cornelius Vandeveer
9 Guisbert Longstreet	10 David Curtis
11 Timothy Ridgway	12 John Henderson
13 Joseph Throck Morton	

His Excellency Nominated John Ladd & Edward Doughty to be Justices of Gloucester to all which Nominations the Council Assented.

His Excellency was pleased with the Consent of Council to Sign the following Warrant

N° 417 To Edward Antill Esq[r] or order for
16 days Attendance to this day..... £4 „ 16 „ 0

George Vreelandt Esq[r] came into Council & Presented to his Excellency & Council three Belts of Wampum from Harcop John Keyon and Six Indians in the County of Bergen as A token of their Fidelity to his Majesty & Affection to their Brethren the English & their desire to be included in the Treaty lately held with the Indians at Crosswicks

His Excellency & the Council taking the same into Consideration Ordered that the Secretary Write to the said Indians in the Name of His Excellency & Council as follows

Brethren

I am Commanded by His Excellency & His Majestys Council to acquaint you that they have Received by our good Friend, George Vreelandt Esqr the Three Belts you sent us as a Token of your Fidelity to the King our Common Father and of your Affection to your Brethren the English, and you Desiring to be included in the Agreement lately concluded in this Colony with the Indians Inhabiting within the Same and His Excellency and the Council do hereby impower George Vreelandt Esqr to Inform you that they Chearfully Accept of the Tender you make of Fidelity to the King & Affection to your Brethren & do Willingly include you in the Treaty Lately Concluded with the Indians in this Colony, & Shall give you the Protection of this Government within the Bounds Agreed on at the said Treaty.[1]

His Excellency by advice of Council Issued the following Proclamation

Whereas by an Act of General Assembly of this Colony passed this day it is ordered that Two hundred & Fifty able Bodied Freemen be raised in this Colony for the Protection of the Frontiers and other Services in Lieu of the Militia now Stationed there, to be Divided into three Companies I hereby in His Majestys Name invite all Able Bodied Freemen Within this Colony Chearfully to Inlist in the said Service, & hereby Promise to give Commissions in Conformity to the said Act to such Persons as shall be Well & Sufficiently Recommended to me as fit for said Service and who shall without Delay Raise their Respective Compliments of Men who are to have the Same Pay, as the Militia at Present on the Frontiers have, & the Corps of Militia now on the Frontiers are hereby Strictly Commanded to Remain there

[1] See Neville's Laws, II., 125.

on Duty until they be Relieved Either by the Troops to be Raised by Virtue of the aforesaid Act or by other Militia

Given under my hand & Seal at Arms at the Borough of Elizabeth in the Province of New Jersey the 16th day of March 1756

Compared & Examined by

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Proceedings of His Majestys Council for the Province of New Jersey at a Session of the General Assembly of said Province begun and Holden by Adjournment at Elizabeth Town on Tuesday March the 9, 1756

The House Met

Present

The Honble Edward Antill, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden } Esq^rs

His Excellency came into Council & having by the Deputy Clerk of The Council required the attendance of the house of Assembly the Speaker with the House Attended when his Excellency made the following Speech to both Houses

Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

I know of no time since my Arrival with the Honour of His Majestys Commission for the Government of this Province, that has so much Demanded our United Deliberations for the Defence, protection and Safety of this and the Neighbouring Provinces as this Critical Conjuncture doth, for the Year Seems to be opening with the Expectation of Great and Extraordinary Events which may Probably Shew us, Whether his Majesty is to Maintain his Just Rights and Dominions in North America, and His Subjects their Religion, Liberties and Properties; or Whether the Perfidious french with their

Savage Allies, are to go on in their Cruel Murders and Depredations, and finally Drive the Kings good People into the Sea

In Faithfulness to His Majestys Honour and Service and in a tender care of His good Subjects Committed to my Charge, I have given these things my Greatest Attention & Consideration, and would now lay before you several things which being put into Execution, may by the Blessing of God Prove Preventive of the Evils we have too much Reason to Feare And first of all I Must Mention with Gratitude to Almighty God And to the King His Majestys Great Goodness, in Laying before the Parliament the State of the Colonies and also a grateful Sence of His parliament in the Kind Assurances they have given him to do everything on their part for the Protection and Defence of these Colonies and for Putting a Stop to the further Encroachment of the Enemy.

In the Next place I now lay before you the Minutes of a Council of War Lately held at New York by his Excellency General Shirley and which I commit to you Depending on your Honour that they shall not be Divulged (it is an Ancient and Wise Proverb that Secrecy is the Soul of Business) and by these You will see the plan of Operation and the Quotas of Men intended to be Raised by the Several Colonies for His Majestys Service in the Insuing Campaign; and When you Consider the Strength of the Enemy at the Several Places to be Attackt, I believe you will think it Reasonable & Necessary that this province should Furnish, their Additional proportion of Men, in Conjunction with the other Colonies which Matters being Duly Weighed I hope you will with much Alacrity, make up the Regiment of this Province to Seven Hundred and Fifty Men; and which you may Depend will Set you in a Very favorable Light With His Majesty

I now also Communicate to you Extract of a Letter of the 2d of January last which I have received from the Honourable Mr Dinwiddie[1] Governor of Virginia by which you will

[1] See Virginia Historical Collections, IV., 312.

see the Vigilant, & Wise Conduct of that Gentleman for His Majestys Service and for the Defence and Safety of the Southern Colonies, in so far bringing the Cherokee Indians into an Alliance & into the Interest of the Crown of Great Britain, & which may be of an Extraordinary good Tendency, for Success in the Ensueing Campaign & this I hope will further Stimulate you to an Augmentation of the Troops of this Province

Having thus laid before you Several Matters Relating to the Common Cause of the Colonies, I now Recommend to you your Special care of the protection and Safety of this His Majestys province into which since our last Meeting the Bears of the Wilderness have made an Incursion, and as the Year Advances we have Reason to believe they will come in great Numbers upon our Frontiers Therefore in Duty to His Majesty & in a kind and just Concern for his people I think we ought Immediately to send Commissioners to the Colonies of Pensylvania and New York in order to Act Unitedly Against the French & Indians, & I herewith give you the Extract of a Letter of the 4th Instt which I have received from his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Governor of New York which Sets the Affairs of the Colonies in So particular & Clear a Light, as I think must Convince you of the Necessity of the Union proposed.

And to add to the things I have Mentioned I most Earnestly Recommend to you to Listen to the Cries and Expostulations of our poor Brethren on the Frontiers to be Protected under their Present Distresses & which you will find in a Great Number of Petitions Signed by more than a Thousand Hands which I shall order to be laid before you, & before I finish on this head I think proper to say to you that for the more effectually Intimidating & Driving the Enemy from our Frontiers it would be the Wisest & Cheapest Method to pass an Act for giving Premiums on Indian Scalps and Captives, as the Massachusets Government have done An Extract of whose Resolves in this matter shall be Delivered you

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

These things of so Great Importance to his Majestys Service & Interest being laid before you in so Particular a Manner, I shall not Doubt your Voting a Sufficient Sum for Carrying the Several Articles into Execution, Considering at same time that the Season of the Year Admits of no Delay therein & as your Constituents Signify to you not only their Willingness but their Chearful Desire to be Taxt to a Sufficient Provision for Accomplishing those points, it will therefore be very Severe to Withhold from them the use of their own Estates, which they would have employed for Saving the Lives of themselves their Wives & Children and their Estates from falling into the hands of the Perfidious French with their Cruel Allies the Savage & Barbarous Indians

Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

I shall Heartily Rejoyce in Your Coming into the best Conclusions in these Affairs for advancing His Majestys Interest & the Future Lasting Peace & Welfare of this Province

Elizth Town
Council Chamber
March 9th 1756

J BELCHER

His Excellency Withdrew & the House Continued till Wednesday March the 10th 1756

The House Met Present

The Honble Edward Antill, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Thursday March 11th 1756

Present

The Honble Edward Antill, Andrew Johnston, Lewis Morris Ashfield, David Ogden } Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Friday March 12th 1756

Present

The Honble Edward Antill, Andrew Johnston, Lewis Morris Ashfield, David Ogden } Esq^{rs}

Mr Read & Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entitled an Act for Raising Two Hundred & Fifty able Bodied Freemen Voluntiers to Protect & Defend the Frontiers of this Colony from any Invasions which may be made upon the same by the Enemy in Lieu of the Militia already Stationed upon the said Frontiers; as also for Subjecting two hundred of the said Voluntiers to Act in Conjunction with the Colonies of New York & Pensylvania to make up an Army of one Thousand Men or one fifth part of such an Army (not Exceeding one Thousand Men in the Whole,) as Shall be thought Necessary to be Employed In pursuing the Indian Enemy into their places of Retreat & Captivating them their Wives & Children

Which Bill was read the first time & ordered a Second Reading

The House Continued till Saturday March 13th 1756

The House Met

Present as before

The Bill Entitled an Act for Raising Two Hundred and Fifty able Bodied Freemen &^{c} was Read a Second time &

Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any Three of them

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Clerk of the Council Informed the House of Assembly that he was in the Council Chamber ready to Receive the Address of that House, the Speaker & the House of Assembly Attended & Delivered the Following Address

May it Please your Excellency

We his Majestys Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey in General Assembly Conven'd do think it our indispensible Duty to Join with your Excellency in the most Suitable Acknowledgments to the King and Parliament for their Care of the Colonies in North America. It is not unknown to your Excellency, that this Colony hath at this time Seven Hundred and Fifty Men in Pay, Five hundred of which Assisted in the Last Campaign with General Shirley: And we have never till Lately made any Doubt of their Assisting throughout the Next Summer, But as the Officers Recruiting under General Shirley within this Government have not only Drained us of Men by Considerable Supplies of Free Voluntiers to their Respective Regiments; but have also taken from us a Large Number of indented Servants & Apprentices, Contrary to their Masters Consents & in Violation of the Contracts Subsisting Between them which last Seems likely to involve this Colony in Considerable Distresses & May (it is to be feared) put us under the Ungrateful Necessity of not Subsisting the Said Five Hundred Men Longer than the Money already Provided for that Purpose will Last: But if by a Majority of the House it should be then Concluded to make further Provision, we are very Sure Considering our Circumstances & Exertion of Strength in the Common cause it is a Grievance we Neither Expected nor Deserved: Nor do we think if such a Hardship in all its Ruinous Consequences to a Young Country were Properly Represented to our Gracious Sovereign, it would be at all Countenanced or Encouraged. As we have

not the Least Doubt but that if these Grievances are Redressed we Shall Continue the said Five Hundred Men throughout the whole of Another Campaign, so we hope upon a Suitable application from your Excellency, and in the opinion we have hitherto Entertained of General Shirleys Friendship for the Colonies we Shall not fail of Redress in a Matter that so intimately concerns a Great Number of his Majestys good Subjects

We are obliged to Keep a Considerable Number of Troops for the Defence of our own Frontiers, & however Chearfully Willing this may be to Promote the Common Cause of the Colonies (of which we Conceive no part of our Conduct can Suggest a Doubt) we are not able Without an Inconvenience that Bears no Addequate Proportion to our Neighbours & therefore must be Excused from Augmenting the Number of our Men in the Manner Proposed at the Late Congress at New York.

It gives us a Very Sensible Pleasure to hear that any of His Majestys Colonies have Entered into Close Friendship & Alliance with the Indian Natives; an Important Point, which though at first View of the Greatest Consequence to the British Interest in America We fear hath Notwithstanding been too much Neglected; & Cannot but think the Cultivation of it by the Colonies Concerned, is worthy of the Utmost Serious attention As to the Cries of our Distressed Friends in this Colony we are so far from Endeavouring to Withold the use of their own Estates from them as Your Excellency is pleased to Express it that we have made their Cause the Universal Concern of the Province & done what we apprehend is very Extraordinary for their Protection, & we hope it will have its due Weight with them, as it Seems hitherto by the Divine Blessing to have Answered the Purpose of Securing all the Persons who Pay Taxes or look upon themselves as Inhabitants of this Colony.

Assembly Chamber } By order of the House
March 13, 1756 } ROBERT LAWRENCE Speaker

The House Continued till Monday March the 15th 1756

Present

The Honble Edward Antill, Andrew Johnston, Lewis Morris Ashfield, David Ogden } Esq^rs

Mr Ogden from the Committee to whom the Bill Entitled an Act for Raising 250 Able Bodied Freemen &^c Was Referred Reported the same Without Amendment

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Fisher & Mr Paxson in the Following Words

Ordered That Mr Fisher & Mr Paxson do wait on the Council and Acquaint them That this House have no business before them, and being impatient to be Dismissed desire to Know what Progress they have made in the Bill Sent to them for Concurrence on Friday Last

Assembly Chamber } By order of the House
March 15, 1756 } ABRA CLARK JUN^r Clk

The Bill Entitled an Act of Raising 250 Able Bodied Freemen &c being Read the Third time On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Johnston & Mr Stevens in the following Words

Ordered that Mr Johnston & Mr Stevens do wait on the Council and Desire to know if they have any Business before them if not that this House Purposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission

Assembly Chamber } By order of the House
March 15th 1756 } ABRA CLARK JUN^r Clk

The Council Informed them that they had no objection to their applying to his Excellency for a Dismission

The House continued till Tuesday March 16th 1756

Present

	Edward Antill	
	Andrew Johnston	
The Honble	Richard Saltar	Esq^rs
	Lewis Morris Ashfield	
	David Ogden	

His Excellency came into Council & having by the Clerk required the attendance of the House of Assembly they attended When His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bill

Entitled an Act for Raising 250 Able Bodied Freemen &c

After which he spoke to the House of Assembly as follows

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

I have read over your Address in Answer to my Speech made to you at the opening of this Session & Wherein I laid before you the present General and Particular state of this & the Neighbouring Colonies & which I hoped would have Induced you to have Raised more Men than you have already for the Several Services I therein Pointed out to you; but as you have not, I shall be Content & Satisfied in having done my Duty to his Majesty, as to the better Protection & Safety of the Colonies in General & of this in Particular

I take Notice of the Complaint you make of the officers Recruiting under General Shirley, of their Inlisting a Large Number of indented Servants & apprentices, & which you say you Doubt not would be Redresst upon my making Suitable application to his Excellency General Shirley, & this I am very ready to do in Conjunction with your house, & to do it without Delay

Eliz^th Town Council Chamber
March 16: 1756

J BELCHER

And then adjourned the General Assembly to Meet at Elizabeth Town the 7th day of April Next

A Continuation of the Proceedings of His Majestys Council for The Province of New Jersey at a Session of the General Assembly of said Province held by adjournment, at Elizabeth Town on Thursday the 20th day of May in the Twenty Ninth Year of His Majestys Reign 1756

The House Met

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, Lewis M. Ashfield, David Ogden — Esq^rs

The House Continued till Friday May 21st

The House Met

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, Lewis Morris Ashfield, David Ogden — Esq^rs

His Excellency came into Council & having by the Secretary Commanded The attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker with the House attended, when His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly

I am glad of this pleasing opportunity to Congratulate you on the Goodness & Bounty of His Majesty and His Parliament in giving this Province a Proportion of a Large sum of Money raised, for Several of His Majestys Colonies in North America as an Acknowledgement of their past Duty & Service to His Majesty and as an Encouragement, to them to behave with the Like Duty & Loyalty for the Future

The Men that were to be raised by a late Act of this Province are fully Compleat, and are now Proportioned and Posted at the Several Forts on the Frontiers Holding themselves in Readiness to Proceed Elsewhere as the Kings Service and the Safety of the Province may Require

According to the best advice our Enemies the French are much Streight'ned for Provisions in their Several Settlements on the Continent as well as in their Islands. I therefore Earnestly Recommend to you the Bringing forward as soon as may be, a Bill in Strict Prohibition of the Exportation of all sorts of Provisions & Warlike Stores from this Province and What the Neighbouring Government of New York has done of this Kind shall be laid before you

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

It will be Necessary that you Carefully look into the Accounts of the Several Publick Officers of the Province that you may see what Monies are already Expended and what more must be Raised for the future Support of the Troops of this Province, by a Letter I Received from Colonel Peter Schuyler (with a Particular Account which shall be Delivered you) you will find his Regiment is in Want of Money Arms and Cloathing, and I shall not Doubt of your immediate Care to Supply them

As the Bill for the Support of Government is Expired you will do what may be Necessary on this head for the Future

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly

I believe you will find upon a Revisal that Several of

your Temporary Laws are Expired, which you may perhaps think Necessary to be Revised

As our Enemies are Continually Committing Hostilities against us it is now more Especially Necessary for the Kings Honour and Service as well as for our own Safety to make some Amendment in the Militia Law, Particularly to Lay a Penalty on the Officers that do not do their Duty in Conformity to the Act now in being

As many of your Members have told me that this is a Convenient Juncture for going thro' the Publick Affairs of the Province I hope you will Chearfully & Diligently Engage in them & soon bring this Session to a Happy Conclusion

Council Chamber Elizabeth Town
May 21st 1756 } J. BELCHER

The House of Assembly Withdrew & his Excellency Retired

The House Continued till Saturday May 22d 1756

The House Met

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, Lewis M. Ashfield, David Ogden } Esq^rs

The House Continued till Monday May 24th 1756

The House Met

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, Lewis M. Ashfield, David Ogden } Esq^rs

The House Continued till Tuesday May 25th 1756

The House Met

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, Lewis M Ashfield, David Ogden } Esq^rs

Mr Johnston & Mr Read from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this house, A Bill Entitled an Act For the more Effectual Obstructing the Exportation of Provisions and Warlike Stores from the Colony of New Jersey &^c

Which Bill was read the First time and ordered a Second Reading

The House Continued till Wednesday May 26th 1756

The House Met

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, Lewis M Ashfield, David Ogden } Esq^rs

The Bill Entitled an Act for the More Effectual Obstructing the Exportation of Provisions and Warlike Stores from the Colony of New Jersey &^c was read a Second time & Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

The House Continued till

3 o Clock. P: M:

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom the Bill Entitled an Act for The more Effectual Obstructing the Exportation of Provisions and Warlike Stores &^c was referred, Reported the same with one Amendment, which being twice read was agreed to by the House, and ordered to be Engrossed

The Bill Entitled an Act for the more Effectual Obstructing the Exportation of Provisions & Warlike Stores &^c with the Engrossed Amendments thereto being Read a third time

Resolved that the same as Amended do Pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same with the Amendment

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do carry the said Bill with the Amendment to the House of Assembly, & desire the Concurrence of that House to the said Amendment

Mr Ashfield reported that he had obeyed the above order

Mr Read & Mr Hancock from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House, A Bill Entitled an act to Enable the Owners of the Meadows & Marshes at Elsenborough in the County of Salem to Keep out the Tides from Overflowing the same,—and also

A Bill to Enable the Owners of Two Several Tracts of Tide Meadow and Marsh, Lying and adjoining on the North side of Cohanzy Creek alias Ceasarea River, in the County of Cumberland, (one Tract called & Known by the Name of the Fork Marsh, & the other Situate Lower down the said Creek, adjoining to the Same, and to the Lands, of Jonathan Holmes Esqr and others) to Stop out the Tide from over flowing them, which Bills were read the first time & Ordered a Second Reading

The House Continued till Thursday, May 27th 1756

The House Met Present

	James Hude	
	Andrew Johnston	
The Honble	Peter Kemble	Esq^{rs}
	Richard Saltar	
	Lewis M Ashfield	
	David Ogden	

The Bill Entitled an Act to Enable the Owners of Some Marshes and Meadows at Elsenborough &^{c} Also the Bill Entitled an Act to Enable the Owners of two Several Tracts of Tide Meadows & Marsh Lying & adjoining on the North Side of Cohanzy Creek &^{c} to Stop out the tide &^{c}

Were read a Second time & Referred to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

P. M.

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom the Bill entitled an Act to Enable the Owners of Some Meadows and Marshes at Elsenborough &^{c} Reported the Same without any Amendments

Ordered that the Same be read a third time, and on the Question

Resolved that the Same do Pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do acquaint the house of Assembly therewith

Mr Ashfield reported that he had obeyed the above order

Mr Fisher & Mr Newbold brought up from the House of Assembly the ReEngrossed Bill Entitled an Act for the More Effectual obstructing the Exportation of Provisions & which being read & Compared

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Mr Read & Mr Smith from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of the House a Bill Entitled an

Act, for the Support of the Government of His Majestys Colony of New Jersey to Commence the Twenty first day of May Ins^{t} & to End the 21st day of May 1757 and to Discharge the Publick Debts & the Contingent Charges thereof

Which Bill was read the first time & ordered a Second reading

Mr Vreelandt & Mr Van Gieson from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entitled an Act for Naturalizing Johanes Belesvelt & Peter Vanallen

Which Bill was read the first time & ordered a Second reading

The House Continued till Friday May 28th 1756

The House Met

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, Lewis M Ashfield, David Ogden — Esq^{rs}

Mr Holmes & Mr Miller from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entitled an Act for Continuing Several Acts &c which was read the first time and ordered a Second Reading

The Bill Entitled an Act for Naturalizing Johanes Belesvelt & Peter Van Allen, was read a Second time & Committed to the Gentlemen of the House or any three of them.

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entitled an Act, for Naturalizing Johannes Belesvelt & Peter Van Allen reported the Same without any Amendment

Ordered that the same be read a third time, and on the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Ashfield acquainted the house that he had obeyed the above order

The Bill for Support of his Majestys Governmt &c was read a Second time & Committed to the Members of the House or any three of them

The Bill Entitled an Act for Continuing several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony which will Expire at the end of this Present Session by their own Limitation or soon after, was read a Second time & Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

Mr Salter from the Committee to whom the aforesaid Act was Committed Reported the same without Amendment

Ordered that the same be read the third time & on the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered Mr Saltar to acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Ashfield Dissented

Mr Saltar Reported that he had obeyed the above order

The House Continued till Saturday May 29th 1756

The House Met Present

	James Hude	Esqrs
	Andrew Johnston	
	Peter Kemble	
The Honble	Richard Saltar	
	Lewis M Ashfield	
	David Ogden	

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entitled an Act for the Support of the Government &c reported the Same without any Amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time.

The above Bill being read a third time on the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Ashfield Acquainted the house that he had obeyed the above order

Mr Read and Mr Yard from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entitled an Act for Making Current Seventeen Thousand five hundred Pounds in Bills of Credit for the further Supply & Pay of The Forces Lately raised in this Colony under the Command of Colonel Peter Schuyler, and also for Subsisting and Paying such of the Troops of this Colony as may be found Necessary to remain in Defence of our Frontier, or that may be Detached from thence in Pursuing the Indian Enemy into their Places of retreat and three Thousand five hundred Pounds more for Exchanging ragged & Torn Bills and also Directing the Manner how the said Seventeen thousand five hundred Pounds Shall be Sunk

Which Bill was read the first time & ordered a Second Reading

His Excellency came into Council & having by the Secretary acquainted the House of Assembly that he was in the Council Chamber ready to receive the address of the House

The Speaker With the House attended when his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills

1 An Act for the more Effectual Obstructing the Exportation of Provisions from the Province of New Jersey

2 An Act to Enable the Owners of Some Meadows & Marshes at Elsenborough in the County of Salem to Keep out the Tide from Overflowing the Same

3 An Act for Continuing Several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony which will Expire by their own Limitation at the end of this Session or soon after.

4 An Act for Support of the Govern^{t} of New Jersey to Commence 21st May 1756 & End 21st May 1757

After which the Speaker Delivered the Address of the House of Assembly in the following Words

May it Please your Excellency

We his Majestys Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey, in General Assembly Conven'd Esteem our selves beholden to the Goodness & Bounty of his Majesty & his Parliament for their late Donation to this Province as well as for their Continued care of the Colonies in General and if we receive a Proportionable Part, of the sum said to be Granted for the Northern Colonies it will in some Measure be a Seasonable Alleviation of a Burden that Notwithstanding still is full heavy for this Province to bear, We have done what is at Present in our Power to Effect, the Settlement of the Accounts of the Publick Officers & shall Continue our Care in having the Same finished as soon as it is Convenient

Your Excellency will perceive by the Bills we have prepared that the Necessary Attention has been given as well to the fresh Calls from the Frontiers as the Further Supplying the Forces under Colonel Schuyler—The Forwarding a Law for a General Prohibition—the Support of Government & the Continuance of such Laws, as will Expire at the End of this Session or soon after, all Which when passed by the Council we hope will receive your Excellencys Assent, that this Session may Determine as Soon as may be

The Speaker & the House of Assembly Withdrew & his Excellency retired

The House Continued till Monday May 31 1756

The House Met Present

	James Hude	
	Andrew Johnston	
The Honble	Peter Kemble	Esq^{rs}
	Richard Saltar	
	Lewis M Ashfield	
	David Ogden	

The Bill Entitled an Act for Making Current Seventeen Thousand five Hundred Pounds &^{c} Was read a Second time & Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

Mr Ashfield Chairman from the Committee to whom the bill Entitled an Act to Enable the Possessors of two Several Tracts of Tide Meadow & Marsh Lying and adjoining on the North Side of Cohanzy Creek &^{c} Reported the same without Amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third Time and on the Question

Resolved that the Same do Pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do Inform the house of Assembly therewith

The House Continued till Tuesday June 1st 1756

The House Met

Present

	James Hude	
	Andrew Johnston	
The Honble	Peter Kemble	Esq^{rs}
	Richard Saltar	
	Lewis Morris Ashfield	
	David Ogden	

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entitled an Act for Making Current Seventeen Thou-

sand Five Hundred Pounds &c reported the Same without any Amendment

Ordered that the Same be read a third time Which was accordingly done and on the Question

Resolved that the Same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do acquaint the house of Assembly therewith

Mr Ashfield Acquainted the House that he had obeyed the above order & also the order of Yesterday

Mr Stevens & Mr Yard from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entitled An Act for the better Regulation of the Forces upon the Frontiers of the Colony of New Jersey in the County of Sussex for the Protection & Defence of the persons & Estates of the Inhabitants there and the places adjacent

Which bill was read the First time & ordered a Second reading

The House Continued till

2 o'Clock P M.

The Bill Entitled an Act for the Better Regulation of the Forces upon the Frontiers of the Colony of New Jersey &c was read a Second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

The House Continued till Wednesday June 2d 1756

The House Met Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, Lewis M Ashfield, David Ogden } Esqrs

Mr Ogden Chairman from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entitled an Act for the Better regulation of the Forces upon the Frontiers of the Colony of New Jersey &c Reported the Same without Amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time, which was Accordingly done

And on the Question resolved that the Same do Pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Ashfield reported that he had obeyed the above order

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Johnston & Mr Stevens

Ordered that Mr Johnston & Mr Stevens do wait on the Council and Desire to know if they have any further Business before them if not that this house Proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission

Assembly Chamber } By order of the House
June 2d 1756 } ABRA CLARK JUNr Clk

The President informed the Messengers that no business laid before the Council

His Excellency Came into Council & having by the Secretary Required the Attendance of the House of Assembly they Attended when his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills

1. An Act for the Better regulation of the Forces upon the Frontiers of this Colony &c

2 An Act for Making Currt Seventeen Thousand five hundred Pounds in Bills of Credit, for the further Supply & pay of the Forces &c

3 An Act to Enable the Possessors of two Several Tracts of tide Meadow & Marsh lying and adjoining on the North side of Cohanzy Creek Alias Ceasarea River in the County of Cumberland &c

Then his Excellency adjourned the General Assembly to Meet at Elizabeth Town the first day of July Next

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At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Thursday May 27th 1756

Present

His Excellency the Governor

	James Hude	Esqrs of his Majestys Council
	Andrew Johnston	
The Honble	Peter Kemble	
	Richard Saltar	
	Lewis M. Ashfield	

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Mr Jonathan Hampton Commissary to the Forces on the Frontiers of this Province Dated at Fort Johns the Twenty fifth Inst giving an Acct that the House of Captn Richard Hunt, near Paulins Kill was Burnt Down on friday Night last, & that a White Man and a Negro who were in the House were Missing that the Damage was Supposed to be Done by the Indians

Which Letter Enclosed an Affidavit of Henry Bush, Robert Masters & John Thompson, taken the 25 Inst before Abraham Van Campen Esqr Declaring the Murder of Anthony Swartwoods wife & three children, and that the Man and Three Children are Missing

And then Asked the advice of Council as to What was proper to be done on this Extraordinary Occasion

The Council Unanimously advise his Excellency to apply to the Assembly to Provide a Bill for the regulating of the Forces on the Frontiers and to make a Suitable Provision for a Commander in Chief of those forces as a Step which will

be Greatly Conducive to render the forces more usefull for the Protection of the Colony

His Excellency Nominated Charles Hoff and Abner Philips of Maidenhead to be Justices of the Peace in Hunterdon, to which the Council Assented

His Excellency by advice of Council Signed the Following Warrants

		£	S	D
N° 417	To himself or order for a Quarters Salary as Command[r] in Chief of this Colony for the Quarter Ended the 21st Instant.....	250 „	0 „	0
418	To himself or order for a Quarters House rent due 21st Ins[t].....	15 „	0 „	0

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Wednesday June 2[d] 1756

Present

His Excellency the Governor

The Hon[ble] James Hude, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, Lewis M. Ashfield, David Ogden — Esq[rs] of his Majestys Council

His Excellency by advice of Council Issued the following Proclamation

By his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esq[r] Captain General & Governor in Chief in and over His Majestys Province of Nova Ceasarea or New Jersey & Territories thereon Depending in America Chancellor & Vice Admiral in the Same &[c]

A Proclamation

Whereas the Tribe of Indians Distinguished by the Name of the Delawares have Contrary to the most Solemn Treaties

Associating with Divers other Indians Enemys to His Majesty have for many Months past ravag'd Several of the Southern Colonies & Cruelly Murdered & Captivated the Kings Subjects Inhabiting there & Destroyed their habitations & have lately made Incursions into this Colony, & Committed Murders attended with the most Shocking Circumstances of Inhumanity & Captivated Some of his Majestys Subjects in the County of Sussex I have therefore thought fit by & With the advice of his Majestys Council to Declare the said Delaware Indians and all those who in Confederacy with them have been in Arms against His Majestys Subjects in this or the Neighboring Colonies to be Enemies, Rebels & Traytors to his most Sacred Majesty, & I do hereby require all his Majestys Subjects within this Province to be Assiduous Within the Government, in taking or Destroying the said Delaware Indians & others who have been aiding them in their Incursions into this or the Neighbouring Provinces, and by Virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of this Colony Past this day, I do by and with the advice & consent of his Majestys Council Promise & Declare that there shall be paid to Every Inhabitant of this Colony not in the Province Pay, who shall take alive & Deliver any Male Indian Enemy above Fifteen years of age, at any of the forts Garrisoned by the Troops of this Colony or into the Gaol of any of the Counties of this Province One hundred & Fifty Spanish Dollars and to Every Inhabitant of the Colony not in the Province Pay who shall within this Government Kill or Destroy any Male Indian Enemy above the age of Fifteen years & Produce the Scalp of such Indian and other Sufficient Proof as an Evidence of his having so Destroyed him One hundred & thirty Dollars & for Every female or Male Indian Enemy under the Age of Fifteen Years Captivated in this Colony & Delivered at any of the Forts Garrisoned as Aforesaid, or into any of the Goals of this Colony the sum of One hundred and Thirty Dollars for Every Inhabitant of this Colony retaken from the Indian

Enemy One hundred & Fifty Dollars & that one half of the above Premiums shall for the above Mentioned Services be paid to the Officers & Soldiers in the Pay of this Province for their further Encouragement to be Active & Vigilant in the Service they are Employed in

And Whereas the Honour of his Majestys Government of this Colony is Engaged for the Protection of Sundry Delaware Indians which have Manifested their Duty to his Majesty & their affection to their Brethren the English, by Withdrawing themselves from our Enemies & retiring into the Interiour Parts of this Province therefore the more Effectually to give Protection to the said Indians I have thought fit by and with the advice of His Majestys Council, to order & Direct all the Indians within this Colony to Keep Strictly Within the Bounds Prescribed & agreed on at the Treaty held with them at Crosswicks in Feby last And do Strictly Enjoyn all Officers Civil & Military within this Province to Yield Protection to the said Friendly Indians & I do forbid any Ferryman Within the same to Carry them or any of them over the Rivers of Delaware or Raritan without Especial order for that Purpose Granted by one of his Majestys Council for this Colony or two Justices of the Peace *Quorum unus*

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms at the Borough of Elizabeth this Second Day of June in the Twenty Ninth Year of His Majestys Reign Annoque Domini 1756

(God Save the King)

By his Excellencys Command J BELCHER

CHA^s READ Sec^y

Of which the Secretary is to Notify the Indians at Crosswicks Cramberry & Pompton

His Excellency by advice of Council Signed the following Warrants

		£	S.	D
N° 419	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Province for the Quarter Ended the 21st Ins^{t}..	6 „	5 „	0
420.	To Richard Saltar Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Ins^{t}.....	6 „	5 „	0
421	To Samuel Smith Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province for the Quarter Ended the 21st Ins^{t}.....	10 „	0 „	0
422.	To Andrew Johnston Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province for the Quarter Ended the 21st Ins^{t}.....	10 „	0 „	0
423.	To Courtland Skinner Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Attorney General of this Province for the Quarter Ended the 21st Ins^{t}.....	7 „	10 „	0
424	To Charles Read Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council for this Province for the Quarter Ended the 21st Ins^{t}.....	7 „	10 „	0
425	To John Smith or order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits for this Province for the Quarter Ended the 21st Ins^{t}.....	5 „	0 „	0
426.	To Anthony Elton or order for a Quarters Salary as Door Keeper to the Council for this Province for the Quarter Ended the 21st Ins^{t}.....	2 „	10 „	0
427	To James Hude Esqr or order for Sixteen Days attendance in Council in May & in June 1756.....	4 „	16 „	0

428.	To Peter Kemble Esqr or order for 32 Days attend^{ce} in Council from Novr 12th till now.....	9 „ 12 „ 0
429.	To Richard Saltar Esqr or order for 42 Days attend^{ce} in Council from Decr 16 till now.....	12 „ 12 „ 0
430.	Lewis M. Ashfield Esqr or order for 59 Days attend^{ce} in Council from June 1754 till now.....	17 „ 14 „ 0
431.	To David Ogden Esqr or order for 39 Days Attend^{ce} in Council in Novr Dec^{r} & March last & now.....	10 „ 10 „ 0
432	To Charles Read Esqr or order in full for his Acc^{t} of Expresses, Indian Treaty &^{c}.....	69 „ 3 „ 11
433	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or order for holding a Circuit Court in Somerset in February last & 1 D^{o} in hunterton in May last.....	20 „ 0 „ 0
434	To Benjamin Biles Esqr or order for Maintaining Indians in hunterdon Goal.....	6 „ 2 „ 8
435	To Samuel Woodruff Esqr or order in full of his Acc^{t} for Indians to this day.....	7 „ 2 „ 3
436	To Petris Deeker Esqr or order for Bringing Indians from the frontiers To Elizth Town.....	5 „ 8 „ 0
437.	To Joshua Bispham or order in full for his Acc^{t} about Indians to this day.....	6 „ 0 „ 0
438.	To Nathaniel Davis or order for 59 Days attendance as Door Keeper to the Assembly to this day.....	10 „ 6 „ 6

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Thursday June 3d 1756

Present His Excellency the Governor

The Honble	James Hude Peter Kemble Richard Saltar Lewis M. Ashfield David Ogden	Esq^rs of his Majestys Council

A petition from Richard Gibbs was read also a Letter from Jonah Nicholls Esqr D. Governor of Rhode Island requesting that the said Richard Gibbs may have Liberty to Carry one Load of Flour to Rhode Island for the Support of the Inhabitants of said Colony

The Council advise his Excellency to grant the Prayer of the said Petition

His Excellency informed the Council that he had an inclination to appoint the Honble Peter Kemble Esqr Master of the Rolls in this Colony to which the Council Assented

Ordered that he receive the same fees as the Chancellor is Entitled to, and Ordered that on Every Decree the fee shall be Four Pounds, & Twenty Shillings ℔ Day while he Attends from home in the Execution of said Office

Ordered that the ordinance be altered in the fee Allowed on a Decree, & the Addition of Traveling Fee be made to the Ordinance

His Excellency laid before the Board the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of the Township of Newtown in the County of Sussex Praying that Twenty Men may be allowed them for their Protection which will prevent their Removal from those parts & Desired the Opinion of the Board thereon

The Council advise his Excellency to order Sixteen Men out of the Forces on the Frontiers to be Posted in two Companys in two Houses to be Stockaded by the Petitioners

Compared with the Records of Council of which the foregoing is a true Copy

CHA READ D Secr^y

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Tuesday June 29th 1756

Present
His Excellency the Governor

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Thomas Leonard, David Ogden } Esq^rs of his Majestys Council

His Excellency laid before the Board the Following Letters & Papers Viz^t two Letters of the 13th of March last[1] N° 1 & 2 from the Honble Henry Fox Esqr one of his Majestys Principal Secretarys of State which being Read and Considered. The Council are of Opinion.

That his Excellency Call the General Assembly of this Province Together to meet him here as soon as Conveniently may be; and that a Particular answer to those Letters be Till then Deferred

Then his Excellency by the advice of Council was pleas'd to Issue the Following Proclamation

By His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Captain General Governor, & Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of Nova Ceasarea or New Jersey & Territories thereon Depending in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the Same &c

A Proclamation

Whereas his Most Gracious Majesty for the Maintaining and Securing his Rights & Possessions of his Crown and Subjects in North America, against the most Unjust, Aggressions & Hostilities Committed on the Part of France, Hath Among other Measures been Pleased to appoint and Station Seven Regiments, Three in Nova Scotia and four in the Province of New York, And hath by his Ministers Signified to me his Royal Will & Pleasure, That those Several Regi-

[1] See N. J. Archives, VIII., Part II., 209.

ments be Recruited as Soon as Possible to their full Complement of One Thousand Men Each. And in order to Engage his Faithfull Subjects in a Service so Essential to their own Defence and Preservation, Consents that such Recruits shall not be obliged to Serve any where but in North America, That they be Discharged when Hostilities shall Cease, And that each of them shall have a Grant of Two Hundred Acres of Land free from the Payment of Quit Rents for Ten Years Either in the Province of New York, New Hampshire, or Nova Scotia at their own Choice to be Granted them on Producing their Discharge from the Commander in Chief to the Governor of Either of said Provinces Respectively, and in Case they should be Killed in the Service their Widows and Children shall be Entitled to the said Lands in such Proportion as the Governor and Council of the Province wherein such Lands Lie shall Direct; I have in Consequence thereof and by and with the advice and Consent of his Majestys Council Published the above Favourable Terms Granted by his Majesty to all his Faithful Subjects who shall within this Colony Inlist in Either of said Regiments hoping and not Doubting but they will be Productive of the Great & Good Ends Proposed by his Majesty & I do hereby Strictly Charge and Enjoin all Officers Civil & Military and others his Majestys Leige Subjects within this Province to be Aiding and Assisting from time to time in Raising said Recruits as the Occasion may Require

Given under my hand & Seal at Arms at the Borough of Elizabeth in the Province of New Jersey this Twenty Ninth day of June in the Thirtieth year of his Majesty's Reign A: D: 1756

J: BELCHER

By His Excellency' Command

CHA. READ Secy: (God Save the King)

His Excellency also laid before the Board a Letter from Colonel John Read of the 22d Instant with Sundry Papers Relating to a number of French Men Women and Children

Lately Landed at Manasquan in the County of Monmouth: & Desire the opinion of the Council what ought to be done with them.

It appearing to the Council by a Certificate from his Excellency J. Reynolds Esqr Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys Colony of Georgia that Jaques Morrice the head and Chief of said French Men has behaved himself very well in his Government, for Near four Months before the Date of said Certificate, and that he had been well informed of his Great Regard for the English, & thereupon Did Grant his Licence under his hand and Seal Dated the 10th day of March last for Leave to said Jaques Morrice to Depart said Colony with his Family.

It also appearing to the Council that his Excellency James Glen Esqr Governor and Commander in Chief of South Carolina did by Writing under his hand & Seal Dated the day of Certify that the said Jaques Morrice With his Family came into the said Province of South Carolina about Ten Days before the Date of his said Certificate and that the said Jaques Morrice having behaved himself well During his Stay there he gave Leave to him and his Family to Depart said Province, Wherefore the Council are of Opinion, that Your Excellency Permit the said Jaques Morrice and Family to Depart this Province

His Excellency also laid before the Board a Letter from the Honble Robert Strettle Esqr President of the Council of the Province of Pensylvania Dated the 17th of June Instant with a Proclamation Issued by the Honble Robert Hunter Morris Esqr Lieutenant Govern^{or} of said Province Relating to a Treaty of Peace and Cessation of Hostilities with the Delaware Indians and others living on the Susquehannah River

The Council are of Opinion and advise his Excellency to give his orders to Colonel Jacob Dehart, Commander on the Frontiers of this Colony that he Suffer none of the Men under his Command to Cross Delaware River on Scouting

parties but to Act altogether on the Defensive for the Safety and Protection of His Majestys Subjects, against their Enemies and Carefully to observe the Same untill he shall Receive his Excellencys further orders.

Elizabeth Town Council Chamber

Wednesday June 30th 1756

Present His Excelleny the Governor

The Honble	Andrew Johnston Thomas Leonard David Ogden	Esq^{rs} of his Majestys Council

His Excellency laid before the Board Several Papers from Samuel Nevil Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Province, Relating to the Murdering of An Indian Squaw Called Cate, and that he had Just Reason to believe (that one of the Supposed Murderers now Confined in the Goal for the County of Somerset) would be Rescued from Thence Unless Prevented by a Guard Kept there for that Purpose: and Desired the opinion of the Board thereon.

The Council advice his Excellency to Issue his orders to the Colonel of said County to make Detachments from his Regiment for the Purposes Aforesaid in order That the Criminal be brought to Justice

Which his Excellency was pleas'd to do in the following Words

To Cornelius Vanhorne Esqr Colonel of the Regiment of Militia of the County of Somerset or to the Commanding Officer of the said Militia for the time being.

Whereas a Barbarous Murder and other Cruelties have been lately Committed in the County of Somerset, upon a Family of Friend Indians, the Mother being Killed upon the Spot, and three of her Children Wounded & Mangled in an Inhuman Manner, the Father Narrowly Escaping Death

at the same time: And Whereas one of the Villains who Committed the said Murder hath been Lately apprehended by Warrant from Samuel Nevil Esqr one of his Majestys Justices of the Supreme Court of this Province, and by him Committed to the Goal of the said County of Somerset in order to be brought to Justice for the Same: And Whereas Mr Nevill hath Represented unto me that he hath been Credibly informed by some of the Civil Officers of the said County & others and hath Reason to believe that Certain Evil Disposed Persons have threatened to Rescue the Prisoner out of the hands of Justice; and that he apprehends Some Tumults & Riots will happen upon this Occasion, & the Goal of the said county will be broke upon, in order to Carry off the Prisoner Unless Measures be taken to Prevent the Same, In order therefore that the Kings Peace may be preserved and Impartial Justice administered (and as the Publick Interest & Welfare of the Country is Greatly Concerned in the Present Case) You are hereby Required & Commanded forthwith upon Sight hereof to order & Cause a Detachment of Soldiers out of the Regiment of Militia of the said County of Somerset, to Guard the said Goal from Day to Day in the following Manner During the Continuance of the Prisoner in the said Goal to Wit. That a Detachment of Twenty Men be Daily and Alternately made out of Each of the Companies of the said Regiment of Militia under the Command of a Trusty & Well Affected Commissioned Officer who with the said Twenty Men Compleatly Armed Each Man with a Musket, Powder Ball, Sword or Cutlash, Shall Immediately Repair to the said Goal of the County of Somerset, & Continue upon Duty there to Watch and Guard the said Goal for the Space of Twenty four hours; which said Detachment shall be Daily Relieved by other Detachments out of the said Regiment in Manner & form Aforesaid. And Whereas Mr Justice Nevill hath further Represented unto me that it will be highly Expedient that a Party of the Militia should be Ordered to attend the Court of Oyer & Terminer forthwith to be ap-

pointed for the Tryal of the said Prisoner to assist the Civil Power in Suppressing any Riots & Tumults which Probably may happen upon the Occasion: These are therefore further to Require & Command you that upon Notice being Given to you, by any of the Justices of the Supreme Court of Judicature of the Province of New Jersey of the time and place of holding the said Court of Oyer and Terminer, you order & Cause a Detachment of Fifty Men at least or more if you find them Necessary, under the Command of such and so many Trusty & well Affected Officers as you shall think Necessary, not less than three to be made out of the Several Companies of Militia of the said County of Somerset, which said Detachment with their Proper Officers Compleatly Armed as aforesaid shall Repair to the Court house for said County and Attend the Judges & Justices of Oyer & Terminer during the Continuance of the said Court and untill the said Court shall think it Consistent with the Publick Safety that they may be Discharged. And the said Officers & Soldiers are hereby Charged & Commanded to be aiding and Assisting to the Civil Power in the Quelling & Suppressing any Riots, Tumults & other Disorders which May Occasionally happen During the time aforesaid. Hereof you and all other persons Concerned are not to fail: as you will Answer the Contrary at your Peril, for a Contempt of his Majestys Royal Authority hereby Signified, and for your so doing this Shall be your Sufficient Warrant.

Given under my hand & Seal at Arms at the Borough of Elizabeth this thirtieth day of June in the Thirtieth Year of his Majestys Reign &c A Domini 1756

J BELCHER

His Excellency in Council made a Supplement to the late Ordinance Dated the 23d of November 1753 for Regulating & Establishing the fees in the Court of Chancery in this Province to Wit. To any or either of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the Province for Attending the Chancellor on hearing and Considering any Cause Depending in said

Court for Every Day so attending The Sum of Twenty Shillings

To the Register for Reading Every paper in the Court of Chancery for Each Paper the Sum of one Shilling

And this Addition to the Ordinance to take Effect from the Date of the Same

To which the Council Advised

The foregoing is a true Copy of the Minutes of Privy Council

Examined & Compared by ROB^t OGDEN D Secretary

Proceedings of His Majestys Council at a Session of the General Assembly of said Province Begun & holden at Elizabeth Town on Friday the Twenty Third Day of July 1756

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Thomas Leonard, Richard Saltar, David Ogden } Esq^rs

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary Required the Attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker with the House Attended when his Excellency made the following Speech to both Houses

Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

Since our last meeting I have received His Majestys Especial Commands by a Letter of the 13th of March last, from the Right Honourable Henry Fox Esqr[1] one of his Majestys Principal Secretarys of State to call you together forthwith, and to Lay before you the following Matters of

[1] See N. J. Archives, VIII., Part II., 209.

Great Importance to the Kings Interest and Service as well as to the Safety & Wellfare of this and the Neighbouring Colonies, And in the first Place that the Kings Regiments (as Well the Three Station'd in Nova Scotia as the four in the Province of New York) Should be Recruited as Soon as Possible, to their full Compliments of a Thousand Men each, and that you should in the best Manner you can make the Most Easy & Effectual Provision for Assisting his Majestys Officers to raise such a Number of Men as shall be Sufficient to Recruit the Kings Regim^ts Now Stationed or to be Stationed in North America up to their Establishments and that the King in order to Encourage in a Service so Essential for your own Defence does Consent that such Recruits shall not be oblig'd to Serve any where but in North America And Shall be Discharged when Hostilities shall Cease and Each of them to have a Grant of Two Hundred Acres of Land free from Quit Rents for Ten Years, Either in the Province of N. York, N. Hampshire or Nova Scotia at their own Choice and these Lands to be Granted them on Producing their Discharge from the Commander in Chief to the Governor of Either of the said Provinces Respectively, and in Case they should be Kill'd in the Service their Widows and Children shall be Entitled to the said Lands, in such Proportion as the Governor & Council of the Province where such Lands Lye shall Direct; I am also Commanded to Acquaint you with his Majestys Great Goodness in having Recommended Your Case to the Consideration of his Parliament, who have Granted the Sum of One hundred & Fifteen Thousand Pounds to be Distributed as the King shall think Proper to the four Provinces of New England and those of New York and New Jersey, and thereby Enabled His Majesty not only to Manifest his Sense of their past Services but also to Encourage them for the future to Exert Themselves in the Service with Spirit & Vigour. That His Majesty Expects that you will Heartily & Zealously Concur in Every Measure which shall be thought advisable for Carrying on the War in North America

I am also to Acquaint you that for your Ease and Encouragement & for Making the Service Less Burthensome to you, Magazines of Stores & Provisions of all Kinds are laid up at the Sole Expence of the Crown for all such Troops as are Join'd in the General Cause of the Defence of these Colonies.

His Majesty also expects that you make Provision out of any funds already Existing or that may hereafter be Raised for the Kings Service for Repaying the Masters of Such indented Servants as Shall Engage in His Majestys Service, the Money paid by the said Masters on the Original Contract, in Proportion to the time Such Indented Servants have to Serve And the King Expects you should appropriate such part of any funds that may be Raised for the Publick Service to be issued and applyed in such Manner as the Commander in Chief shall Direct.

I have it Likewise in Command from the King to Recommend to you, in the Strongest Manner the Passing an Effectual Law for Prohibiting all Trade & Commerce with the French and for Preventing the Exportation of Provisions of all Kinds to any of their Islands or Colonies.

I am also to inform you that His Majesty Judges it to be of the Greatest Importance in the Present Situation of Affairs that he be truly and Exactly informed of the Real State of Defence of this Colony, as well in relation to the Ordnance and Stores of War, as to the Forts and Fortifications and the Number of the Inhabitants, & that therefore there should be prepared and Transmitted to the Earl of Lowdon or the Commander in Chief for the time being an Exact & Particular Account, in which is to be Expressed the present Actual State & Quantity of the Cannon Ammunition & other Ordnance & Military Stores belonging to this Colony Either in the Publick Magazines or in the Possession of the Militia or other Private Persons, Together with the True State of all Places Either already Fortified or which may be Judged forthwith Necessary to be Fortified, & an Opinion at Large

in what Manner his Majesty may Further Contribute to the Defence & Security of these Colonies.

Gentlemen, by what I have now Recited to you out of the Secretary of States Letter, You will see his Majestys tender Paternal Regard for these Colonies, from Saving & defending them from falling into the hands of French Tyranny with its Train of Dreadfull Evils, and to promote & Establish the Lasting Welfare and happiness of His good Subjects in North America. I therefore hope you will most Sedately Consider these Matters, & that you will Exert Yourselves with such Duty Alacrity & Zeal herein, as may best Answer His Majestys Just Expectations from you, And to these things I Desire Your full & Very Particular Answer.

Gentlemen, By a Letter I received a few days ago from Major General Abercromby from Albany, he Acquaints me that Sir William Johnston had Concluded a Treaty of Peace, with the Delaware and Shawanese Indians, And that they have taken up the Hatchet Against the French and their Indians Upon which I immediately sent an Express to Colonel De Hart on our Frontiers not to Suffer any of his People to go out of the Bounds of this Province or in any way or Manner to Commit any injuries or Hostilities on the said Delaware or Shawanese Indians. I daily Expect a Copy of this Treaty and shall then issue a Proclamation of Peace in Conformity thereunto.

But this Notwithstanding I am to inform you, that by Letters I have a few Days ago received from the Governors of Virginia & Pensylvania, The french with a Great Number of Foreign Indians, were Marching & Proposed Coming into these Southern Colonies to Plunder & Murder, And upon this advice I Dispatcht a Courier to Colonel Dehart to be Diligent & Well upon his Guard to repell any Attempts they may make upon this Province.

As His Majesty is giving us Continual Instances of His Royal Wisdom in the fatherly care he takes for the Safety and Prosperity of these his Provinces, I hope we shall make a Dutiful Return, in pursuing all such Measures with Zeal

and Unanimity, to the utmost of our Power, as may have the best Tendency to his Majestys Interest & Service, and to the better Establishment of our own Just Rights & Liberties.

J BELCHER

Elizth Town Council Chamber July 22^{d} 1756

The House Continued till Saturday July the 24th 1756

Present

	James Hude	Esq^{rs}
	Andrew Johnston	
	Peter Kemble	
The Honble	Thomas Leonard	
	Richard Saltar	
	David Ogden	

His Excellency came into Council & having by the Clerk of the Council informed the House of Assembly that he was in the Council Chamber Ready to receive the address of that House,

The Speaker and House of Assembly attended & Delivered the following Address

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey, in General Assembly Conven'd think it Necessary in Answer to the first part of Your Excellencys Speech, to Remark that we are not Conscious of the Kings Service having hitherto been retarded in this Government and with Equal pleasure are well Assured that the Necessary Assistance (so far as it lies in the Power of Our Inhabitants) Towards Recruiting the Kings Regiments and to Every other Purpose Conducive to His Majestys Honour and Interest will be readily and Chearfully Given from a People Gratefully Sensible of the Repeated Instances of His Majestys Tender Paternal Care over this as well as the Rest of the Colonies of North America.

Among Several Late Instances of this Kind the Repre-

senting our Case to the Parliament in order for a Reimbursement of part of the heavy expences that have of late attended this Province, & the Easing us from further Supplying our Troops with Provisions Particularly Demand our Thankfull Acknowledgements and will Enable us to Struggle Through the Difficulties of Keeping them on foot Longer than we Could otherwise have done if his Majestys Service should require it

The funds raised for the Maintenance of the Troops of this Colony will Continue for some time to come, and in the Manner already appropriated Seems to Coincide with his Majestys Intention and we hope will prove Satisfactory

As in some parts of this Province Indented Servants but lately made a Considerable Share of the Wealth and Dependance of their Masters who in a great Measure have been Deprived of them by the Recruiting Officers and as the Importation of them for a great Number of Years past has made a Large Branch of Business, of Great Importance To the settlement & Welfare of the Country and from the Uncertainty of the Property it is now Likely the Trade of Servants may in a Great Measure if not wholly Cease, we therefore Conceiving it a Matter of Extraordinary Moment, think it absolutely Necessary to delay the Consideration of paying for them, till we have had an opportunity of more fully Considering the Case and Consulting our Constituents

The Prohibiting of Provisions and Warlike Stores from the French Colonies being already Effectually done by Law, this part of His Majestys Expectation is we presume fully Answered

We Conceive it will not be difficult for your Excellency to Come at a Particular information of the State of this Colony Respecting Defence, in the Manner it has heretofore been done, which appears to us attended with as few Difficulties and as Likely to Answer His Majestys Expectation as any Method we Know of, & Better than any Assistance in our Power to give, and Doubt not if your Excellency can point out any Additional Security that will be Necessary, it will

meet with a Gracious Reception from his Majesty who through the Course of a long and Prosperous Reign hath always Manifested himself the Common Father of all his People

We highly approve of Your Excellencys ordering Hostilities to Cease against the Indians, and of Your Intention of Issuing a Proclamation of peace in Conformity thereto, as soon as a Copy of the Treaty made by Sir William Johnston Comes to hand, and as peace is now said to be Concluded with them we would Desire your Excellency to order, One Hundred of Our Men on the Frontiers to be Disbanded, and the Remainder of them also as Soon as it can be done with Safety to the Inhabitants

Justice to the Publick and ourselves Makes it Necessary to observe, tho' our regard for your Excellency and the Anxious Cares of your Station under such Infirmities of Body renders it a Very Unpleasant Task That as it is Evident the Kings Service could not have Suffered if your Excellency had not now Called the Assembly, We should have been very glad to have been Spared Especially at a time so Particularly inconvenient as that of Harvest, The freqent Conveneing the Legislative Body Unless on Real and Substantial Occassions increases the Publick Charge and is Distressing Considering the Remoteness of your Excellencys Situation from the Usual places of doing business, Extremely Distressing to many of the Members who Compose the Legislature, and the Easing the Colony in this time of Common Difficulties When the Intention of his Majestys Commands and the Publick Service will allow it, would be Gratefully Received by us and our Constituents

The Speaker and the House of Assembly Withdrew & his Excellency Retired

The House Continued till Monday July 26th 1756

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Thos Leonard, Richard Saltar, David Ogden — Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Tuesday July 27th 1756

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Thomas Leonard — Esq^{rs}

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Fisher and Mr Yard

Ordered That Mr Fisher and Mr Yard do wait on the Council and desire to know if they have any Business before them if not that this House Proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission

Assembly Chamber
July 27th 1756

By order of the House
ABRA. CLARK JUN^{r} Clerk

The President informed the Messengers that no business laid before the Council

The House Continued till 2 P: M:

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Thomas Leonard — Esq^{rs}

His Excellency came into Council & having by the Secretary Required the Attendance of the House of Assembly, the Speaker with the House Attended when His Excellency was pleased to prorogue the General Assembly to Meet him at Elizabeth Town the 26th day of August Next

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Friday the Twenty Third day of July 1756

Present His Excellency the Governor

	James Hude	
	Andrew Johnston	
The Honble	Peter Kemble	Esq^{rs} of his
	Thomas Leonard	Majestys Council
	Richard Saltar	
	David Ogden	

A Petition from Richard Gibbs and James Neilson of New Brunswick for Leave to Ship off some flour, and other Provisions to Rhode Island being read His Excellency Desired the opinion of the Council thereon.

It is the opinion of the Board that Leave be not Granted as there is not a Sufficient Proof of that Colonys being in Want of such Supply.

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Sir Charles Hardy to him of the Third of July Instant, Relating to the Cloathing Preparing, for the Regiment under Colonel Schuyler, Which his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Supposed Were Making at Philadelphia, where the Small Pox at Present Rages, Together with his own Letter to Mr Gibbon the Commissioner Respecting them, with Mr Gibbons Answer thereto Dated 7th of July Instant, informing his Excellency that no part of the Cloathing were made up at Philadelphia, and that the Cloath was Purchased at a House wherein that Distemper was not nor had been, And his Excell^{y} Desired the Opinion of the Council on the most proper Steps to be taken herein

The Council are of Opinion that altho they Cannot apprehend there is any Great Danger, yet to take away any Colour or Pretence of Laying blame on this Government the Council advise his Excellency to order the Commissioner to Pack up

the Hats and Woollen Cloaths and Send them to Amboy there to Lay till further orders and to Direct Mr Taylor to Purchase other Cloaths in their Stead with all Expedition at New York.

His Excellency also laid before the Board a Letter from His Excelly James Abercromby Esqr His Majestys Major General & Commander in Chief of His Forces in North America Dated at Albany the 13th Instant, Enclosing a Letter from Sir William Johnston Dated at Fort Johnston the day before, Notifying to His Excelly That the Chiefs of the Delawares and Shawanese Indians on the River Susquahannah had agreed on the 11th Instant to Keep a Strict Friendship with the English & to Act Offensively Against the French and their Adherents, the Council advise his Excellency to Issue a Proclamation for a Suspension of Arms with the Delaware & Shawanese Indians till Further orders,

And a Proclamation was Issued in the following Words.

Whereas the Establishment of Peace and Friendship Between His Majestys Subjects and the Shawanese & Delaware Indians has been Earnestly Sought by the Government of Pensylvania, And Negotiations were Actually Carrying on for bringing about, those Salutary Purposes under the Interest and Influence of the Six United Nations, at the Very time when the Murders, Committed in this Government, made it Necessary for His Majestys Honour, and Safety of the Inhabitants of this Colony to Declare the Indians who had been in Arms, Against His Majestys Subjects of this and the Neighbouring Colonies to be Enemies to his Majesty. And no Notice or advice having been sent to this Government of any of the said Negotiations or of any Prospect of a Reconciliation, I did on the Second Day of June last,[1] by and With advice of His Majestys Council Issue a Proclamation Declaring the said Indians who had been and then Were in Arms as Aforesaid, to be Enemies Rebels and Traytors to His Majesty

[1] See *ante* page 29.

And Whereas I now have Received advice from His Excellency James Abercromby Esqr His Majestys Major General and Commander in Chief of his Forces in North America, That Sir William Johnston Superintendent of Indian Affairs, did on the 11th day of this Instant July Conclude a Treaty of Peace, with the Shawanese and Delawares who live on the River Susquahannah, Who have Engaged to take up the Hatchet Against the French and their Adherents, In order therefore that Peace & Friendship may be Kept, Between the Inhabitants of this Colony and the said Indians Inhabiting on the said River Susquahannah, I do by and with the advice of his Majestys Council hereby Strictly Charge and Command all Officers Civil & Military all Soldiers and other inhabitants in this Government to forbear Carrying on an Offensive War Against the said Indians and all others to the Eastward of the said River untill my further order therein, Nevertheless this Proclamation is not intended to hinder or Prevent any Person within this Colony from Killing or Destroying any Indian who shall attempt any Act of Hostility within the Same.

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Saturday the Twenty fourth day of July 1756

Present
His Excellency the Governor

The Honble	James Hude Andrew Johnston Peter Kemble Thomas Leonard Richard Saltar David Ogden	Esq^{rs} of His Majestys Council

His Excellency Laid before the Council that part of the Assemblys address to him of this day Requesting the Dis-

banding of One hundred of the Forces on the Frontiers of this Province and Desired their advice thereon

The Council are of opinion that as there is Great Reason to Expect That a Considerable Number of the Indian Enemy have or will soon make Incursions into this or Some other of His Majestys Western Colonies, the Discharging any of said Forces at the Present will be highly Imprudent, And may be very Unsafe to His Majestys Subjects Within this Province.

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Tuesday July 27th 1756

Present His Excellency the Governor

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Thomas Leonard } Esqrs of His Majestys Council

His Excellency laid before the Board the following Letters Vizt A Letter from the Right Honble Henry Fox Esqr One of His Majestys Principal Secretarys of State Dated at Whitehall *May 17th 1756* Enclosing his Majestys Declaration of War, against the French King Dated at Kensington May *17th 1756*[1]

Also a Letter of the Same Date from the Right Honble Lord Hallifax

Also a Letter from His Excellency Lord Loudoun Dated at New York July *23d 1756*

Also a Letter from Mr West

Dated May *15th 1756* from the Treasury Chambers Respecting the £5000 Given by his Majesty to the Colony of New Jersey

Another Letter Dated at London April *3d 1756* from Messrs John Stanbury and John Tomlinson Relating to the £5000 Sterling Given by the King to this Colony

[1] For this declaration see Pennsylvania Archives, II., 735. (1st Series.)

Which Letters & Declaration of War being read to the Board His Excellency asked the advice of Council thereon Whether any thing be Necessary at this time to be done on the Subject Matter of said Several Letters

The Council advise His Excellency to Lay the Aforesaid Letters before the House of Assembly

The foregoing are true Copies of the Minutes of Privy Council & Legislation Examined & Compared by

ROB^t OGDEN D Secretary

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Thursday the 5th day of August *1756*

Present
His Excellency the Governor

The Honble James Hude
Andrew Johnston
David Ogden
} Esq^rs of His Majestys Council

His Excellency laid before this Board a Letter from his Excellency Sir Charles Hardy Governor of the Province of New York of the 26th of July last past being as follows Viz^t

Albany July 26th 1756

Sir—Since I left N, York I am informed the Small Pox Rages with Great Violence in Philadelphia, the free Communication from that City into the Jerseys, by the Stage Waggons, the Passengers and Goods Brought by them, and introduced into the City of New York by the Passage Boats from Amboy, Makes it Necessary that we should be very Circumspect Least that fatal Disorder should be Introduced into this Province, Where by its Spreading it may Easily Reach this City, and be Communicated to the Armys, and Totally Defeat the Services of this Year. To prevent these Fatal Consequences as much as Lies in my Power, I left Directions with his Majestys Council before I left New York,

And have Repeated them, with orders that no Goods be Suffered to be Landed, With out they are First Opened and Aired to Cleanse them from all Infection.

As the Carrying on the Operations for his Majestys Service may Greatly Depend on our Care in this Particular, I beg Leave to Recommend it to your Serious Consideration, Not Doubting but your Excellency will Concur with me in Every Prudent Caution on this Occasion.

General Winslow is with his Army at Fort Edward Transporting his Artillery and Stores, to Fort William Henry and Proposes Soon to follow with his Forces.

I am with Great Esteem Your Excellencys Most Obedient and Most Humble Servant

Governor Belcher CHA' HARDY

And desires the advice of Council thereon, who are of opinion that Expresses be Immediately Sent to some of the Magistrates of the City of Burlington and to some of the Magistrates of Burdentown the only two places, within this Province Where the Boats from Pensylvania Land Passengers and Goods in their way to New York, with Strict & Peremtory orders, to such Magistrates to take into their Custody and Care, All goods Merchandizes & Cloathing (excepting such Cloathing as the Passengers have on their bodies) which Shall be brought to Burlington or Burdentown aforesaid, from the Colony of Pensylvania aforesaid by said Boats or Either of them, With Intent to have such Goods Merchandizes, & Cloathing Transported through this Province to the Colony of New York; taking an Inventory & Delivering a Copy thereof to the Owner of such Goods, Merchandizes & Cloathing, And that the said Magistrates or some of them, do open and Air such Goods Merchandizes and Cloathing in Some Convenient place for the Space of Ten days at Least, and at the Expiration thereof to Give Certificate at the foot of said Inventory of the same being Aired & Cleansed Accordingly, which Certificate and Inventory being Shewn & Produced, by the Waggoners, Cartars, Boatmen, and Carriers thereof,

May by the Magistrates and other Officers of this Government be Permitted, to Transport the Same to New York and otherwise not. And also that Mr Secretary do Serve on some of the Magistrates for the City of Burlington and Burdentown a Copy of this order. And the Waggoners, Carters, Carriers and Boatmen Employed in Transporting such Goods Merchandizes and Cloathing from Burlington and Burdentown to New York or any part of the way, That they and every of them may Yield full and Exact Obedience to every part of the above Directions, As they will Answer the Contrary thereof at their Peril.

His Excellency laid before the Board a Copy of a Proclamation Issued by the Honble Robert Hunter Morris Esqr Lieu^t Governor of Pensylvania and of the three Lower Counties Dated 5th of July *1756*. And also the Resolution and order of the Governor and Council of New York Dated the Tenth of July Relating to the Prohibition therein Mentioned, And as the Prohibition lately laid in this Province on the Exportation of Provisions Except to Hallifax Annapolis or Chignecto in Nova Scotia or New York is now Expired.

The Council are of Opinion that a Prohibition of the Like kind w^h Those Laid in Pensylvania and New York, are Necessary for his Majestys Service at this time to be laid in this Province. It is therefore ordered by His Excellency with the advice of the Council, that the Collectors of His Majestys Customs, within this Colony, do not Clear any Vessel Loaden or partly Loaden, with Provisions or Warlike Stores, Until further order, Unless to Hallifax, Annapolis, or Chignecto in Nova Scotia, or to New York, With Provisions or Naval Stores for the use of His Majestys Land Forces or Ships of War, The Master thereof first Making Oath, or Affirmation that he is Bound to one or other of the said Places, and no other, and intends truly and Bonafide to Land the whole of the Provisions and Warlike Stores, Laden or to be Laden on Board his Vessel, there, and in no other place Whatsoever; And also Giving Bond to the King in the

Penalty of One Thousand Pounds Sterling, with Two Sufficient Sureties, to Land the whole of the Provisions and Warlike Stores Laden on Board his Vessel, at Hallifax, Annapolis, or Chignecto, in Nova Scotia or in New York Respectively; And in Six Months from the Date of such Bond, to Return a Certificate of the Landing of the Same, from the Principal Officer of His Majestys Customs there, to the Collector by whom such Vessel was Cleared in this Colony. And that such Prohibition do Cease, as soon as proof be made to his Excellency of the Prohibition being taken off in Either of the Colonies of New York, Pensylvania or said Three Lower Counties, And that Mr Secretary Serve the Several Collectors of His Majestys Customs within this Colony, with a Copy of this Prohibition and order

The foregoing is a True Copy of the Minutes of Privy Council Examin^d By

ROB^t OGDEN D Sec^y

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Friday the 27th day of August 1756

Present His Excellency the Governor

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden } Esq^rs of his Majestys Council

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Lord Loudown Dated Albany the 20th Instant, Setting forth that he apprehended that Oswego was taken by the French and Indians, and that all the Naval Stores were Lost, & Desiring the Assistance of this Colony which being read

His Excellency Requires the opinion of this Board what Ought to be done in Respect to the Matters Set forth in my Lords Letter, and in Particular Whether The General Assembly of this Colony should be Called Together to meet as Soon as Possible

The Council are of opinion that as the Account of Oswego being in the hands of the Enemy is not Yet Received, and as most of the matters Contained in my Lord Loudowns Letter having been laid before the General Assembly of this Colony by his Excellency at their Late Setting and by them then Considered that the Calling the General Assembly at this time is not advisable for his Excellency.

His Excellency also laid before the Board two Letters from Mr William Bayard Dated New York the 19th & 23d Instant Informing that he had in his Custody for the Colony of New Jersey Six Chests of Silver and one of Gold Containing Four Thousand Seven Hundred & Seventy four Pounds Twelve Shillings and Three Pence Money being the Sum Given by his Majesty to this Colony, Desiring That the Money be Received in Presence of His Majestys Council and that Proper Receipts may be Given for the Same.

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston and David Ogden Esqrs of his Majestys Council are appointed by His Excellency to be present at the Receiving of the said Moneys & to be Witnesses to the Receipts Given for the Same

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from His Excellency Governor Hardy Dated New York the 17th Instant with a Copy of an order made by the Governor & Council of New York for Preventing Provisions of any kind from being Transported from the Colony of New York to any of the Neutral Islands, And to have Liberty to Transport Provisions to the British Islands only, & Desired the opinion of the Board Whether he should Issue the like order, to Which the Council advised

And is [in] the Words Following Vizt

It is ordered by his Excellency with the Unanimous advice of the Council that the Collector of His Majestys Custom of this or any other Port within this Province, do from and after the Thirtieth day of August Instant, Clear out any Vessell Laden with Provisions the Master of Such Vessel Giving Bond to his Majesty with Sufficient Securities

in the Sum of One Thousand Pounds Strl to Land such Provisions and Every part thereof in some British Port or Island and not in any Foreign Island Plantation, Settlement or Dominion Whatsoever, and within Nine Months from the Date of Such Bond to Return to the said Collector a Certificate under the hand of the Governor or Commander in Chief of the Landing such Provisions in & for the Use of Such British Port or Island.

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Colonel Jacob De Hart Commander of the Forces Posted on the Frontiers of this Colony Dated the 20th Instant Setting forth the Danger & Difficulties the forces Labour under by reason of the orders, having Power only to act in the Defensive Against the Delawares and Shawanese & Desiring his orders may be altered. And Desires the opinion of the Board thereon.

The Council are of Opinion that Colonel De Hart Strictly adhere to his former orders and Conduct himself agreeable to his Excellencys Proclamation Issued the 24th of July last for the Present, And until he shall receive other orders from His Excellency

Then his Excellency with the advice of Council was pleased to sign the following Warrants.

		£	S	D
N° 439	To himself or order for a Quarters Salary as Governor of this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Instt..	250 „	0 „	0
N° 440	To himself or order for a Quarters House Rent due 21st Instt.....	15 „	0 „	0
N° 441	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Province due the 21st Instt.....	6 „	5 „	0
N° 442	To Richard Saltar Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this Province due the 21st Instant.....	6 „	5 „	0

N° 443	To Samuel Smith Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province due the 21st Ins^{t}.....	10 „ 0 „ 0
N° 444	To Andrew Johnston Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province due the 21st Ins^{t}.....	10 „ 0 „ 0
N° 445	To Courtland Skinner Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Attorney General of this Province due the 21st Ins^{t}.....	7 „ 10 „ 0
N° 446	To Charles Read Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council for this Province due the 21st Ins^{t}.....	7 „ 10 „ 0
N° 447	To John Smith or order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits due the 21st Ins^{t}.....	5 „ 0 „ 0
N° 448	To Anthony Elton or order for a Quarters Salary as Door Keeper to the Council due the 21st Ins^{t}.....	2 „ 10 „ 0
N° 449	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or order for holding a Court of Oyer and Terminer for the County of Somerset in July last.....	10 „ 0 „ 0
N° 450	To Abraham Clark Junr for Twenty Eight Days attendance as Clerk of the Assembly at three Sittings in March, May and June, and July last, £11 „ 4 „ 0 & £11 „ 14 „ 0 for Copying the Laws and Votes for the Printer and Recording the Same & £8 for Pen Ink & Paper In all Thirty Pounds Eighteen Shillings..	30 „ 18 „ 0

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Saturday the 28th day of August 1756

Present His Excellency the Governor

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden } Esq^rs of his Majestys Council

His Excellency laid before the Council an Address of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of the Province of New Jersey Setting forth that they had appointed William Alexander Esqr to be Surveyor General of the Lands of the said Eastern Division in the Room of James Alexander Esqr Deceased,[1] Requesting His Excellencys Proclamation to Notifye his appointment, and to Require all his Majestys Officers & Liege Subjects to be aiding him in the Due Execution of said Office, Whereupon the Council advise the Issuing the following Proclamation Viz^t

Whereas upon the Decease of James Alexander Esqr late Surveyor General of the Province of New Jersey, the Proprietors of the Eastern Division of Said Province have Nominated and appointed William Alexander Esqr[2] to be Surveyor General of the Lands in the said Eastern Division, To Execute the said Office by himself or his Lawfull Deputy and such Deputies as he shall appoint in the Several Counties within said Division until further order. And whereas the said William Alexander hath Given Security for the Due Execution of his said Office, and hath taken the Oaths & made and Subscribed the Declaration appointed by Law, and hath taken an Oath for the due Execution of his said Office Pursuant to His Majestys Instructions, And also hath Given Bond Pursuant to the Directions of an Act of General Assembly of this Province Passed in the fifth Year of his Late Majestys Reign Entitled an Act for Running and Ascertain-

[1] He died April 2d, 1756.

[2] Son of James Alexander, and afterwards known as Earl of Stirling.

ing the Line of Partition or Division Between the Eastern and Western Division of the Province of New Jersey &cc And Whereas the said William Alexander, with the approbation of the Proprietors aforesaid hath appointed Thomas Barton to be his Lawful Deputy to Execute the Office aforesaid until he shall Otherwise order; for whom he will be Answerable and who is also properly Qualified for that Purpose. This is therefore to Notifye the Same, and all His Majestys Subjects within the said Eastern Divisions, and all others whom it may Concern are hereby Required to take Notice thereof and Govern themselves Accordingly, And all Magistrates, Officers & Ministers of Justice are required to be aiding & Assisting to the said William Alexander & his Deputies Respectively in the Due Execution of the said Office as they will Answer the Contrary at their Peril.

The foregoing are true Copies of the Minutes of Privy Council Examin'd by

Robt Ogden D Secretary

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Saturday the 25th of September *1756*

Present His Excellency the Governor

	James Hude	Esq^rs of his
The Honble	Andrew Johnston	Majestys
	David Ogden	Council

His Excellency said as followeth Viz^t

Gentlemen

The Uncommon & Extraordinary Situation of Affairs Respecting this and the Neighbouring Colonies, has Occasion'd my Sending for you at this time to Communicate to you once more Lord Loudons Letter on the 20th of the Last Month from Albany, the Contents Whereof you will well Consider at this time, and give me your Advice and Opinion

what may be proper & Necessary for this Government to do for the General Safety, & in Particular for that of this Province, And Whether it may not be best to See the Assembly as Soon as Possible.

Elizth Town
Council Chamber
Septr 25th *1756*

J. BELCHER

The Council advise his Excellency to Call the General Assembly to meet here as soon as Conveniently may be

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Proceedings of Council at a Session of the General Assembly of said Province begun & holden at Elizabeth Town on Tuesday October The Twelfth day 1756

Present
The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Wednesday October 13th 1756

Present
The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble Esq^{rs}

His Excellency came into Council & having by the Secretary Required The Attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker with the House attended When his Excellency made the following Speech to both Houses

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly

"Since our last Meeting I received a Letter from the "Right Honble the Earl of Loudoun, Commander in Chief

"of all His Majestys Forces in North America, of the 20th "of August last; which I Communicated to His Majestys "Council, and they advised To the Calling you Together at "this time, to lay the Matters Contained therein to the Whole "Legislature; & Since that we have undoubted Accounts of "the important Post of Oswego having fallen into the hands "of the French; & Which Leaves open this and the Neigh-"bouring Colonies to the incursions & Ravages of the French "& Indians; and upon this Extraordinary Alteration of the "Situation of the Affairs of this Colony, I shall be glad of "Your advice, aid, & Assistance, in Pursuing Such Measures "as his Majesty may Reasonably Expect at this Critical Con-"juncture from us, in Defence of his Interest & Honour, as "well as for the Safety of his Good People under our Care. "And as Colonel Schuyler with One half of His Regiment "were made Prisoners by the Enemy at the taking of "Oswego; I think the first thing to be done is to fill up that "Regiment in the Compleat Manner it was done before; and "that as soon as may be to be Sent to Albany there to follow "such orders as they may Receive from the Earl of Loudoun. "As our Frontiers will be Greatly Exposed in the Present "Circumstances of Affairs I believe you will think it abso-"lutely Necessary for the Safety of Our Poor Neighbours to "add a Considerable Number of Men to those already Posted "there.

"His Majesty having sent over a Number of Good Officers "the sooner The Regiment of this Province is Recruited & "Sent to Albany, the more it will advance the Kings Service; "as they will have the Advantage of being trained and Dis-"ciplined by the aforesaid officers, & become ready for such "service as the Kings General may Judge Proper to employ "them about in the Winter Season. And I Cannot Conclude "this Article without Recommending to you your Generous "Care & Concern for the very Worthy Colonel Schuyler "with the other Officers & the Men now in the hands of the "Enemy, that they be well Supported by you, & that you

"Contribute all in your Power for the Obtaining their "freedom. By Lord Loudouns Letter (which I herewith "Deliver you) You will See his Lordshp in this Crisis of "Affairs, Earnestly Demands Your Assistance & I Urge you "in the Warmest Manner to do all you can in Answer to "what His Lordship Presses on this head.

"And as the Colonies of New England have very hand-"somely Exerted I hope you will not fail to follow their "Wise Resolution for the Common Good & Safety.

"Since our last Sitting I have received by His Majestys "Ship the Sterling Castle the Sum of £4774 „ 12 „ 3 Ster-"ling; being the Ballance of the £5000 Allotted to this "Province out of the £115000 Granted by Parliament His "Majesty in his Warrant to his Lords Commissioners of the "Treasury for Paying the said Money is pleased to Express "himself thus; Whereas the House of Commons have "Granted Unto us the Sum of One Hundred and Fifteen "Thousand Pounds upon Account to be Distributed to the "Colonies of New England New York & New Jersey in such "Proportion as we Should think fit as a free gift & Reward "for their Past Services, and an Encouragement to them to "Continue to Exert themselves with Vigour in Defence of "Our Just Rights and Possessions."

"And the said Money I, immediately paid over into the "hands of Mr Treasurer Johnston, Agreeable to the Kings "Warrant which Says, It Shall there remain untill it be Dis-"posed of for the Publick Service by an Act of the Legis-"lature." So in this Matter we should now do with the "Money what may most of all advance, his Majestys Honour "& Interest, Together with the good & Welfare of this Prov-"ince; And as I have often Complaints from the Inhabitants "of the Province That they want Arms & Ammunition to "be ready on all Occasions for the use of the Province. And "before I Conclude this Article I am persuaded of your "thinking with me, that His Majestys free Gift to the "Colonies together with his Great Goodness in taking upon

"him the Charge of Subsisting the troops you may Raise "must be a farther inducement to your Augmenting the "Number of Men to Join the Kings forces Under the more "Particular & Immediate Command of the Kings General "the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun And which I "most Earnestly Recommend to your Consideration.

"I have received his Majestys Royal Orders by a Letter "from one of his Principal Secretarys of State of the 18th of "June last to receive such French Prisoners as the Com-"manders of His Majestys Ships may apply to me to set on "Shore in this Province. You will therefore make proper "Provision for Defraying the Charge that may at any time "arise on such Occasions.

"A few Days ago I received his Majestys Royal Orders of "the 5th of July last Relative to a Prohibition of all Corre-"spondence with the Subjects of the French King; And I "now give you what his Majesty Commands on this Occasion; "Whereas by our Declaration Dated the 17th of May last, We "have Thought fit to Declare War, Against the French King "his Subjects & Vassals; And Whereas We have been "informed that heretofore in times of War, Our Subjects in "Several of Our Colonies and Plantations in America have "Corresponded with Our Enemies and Supplied them with "Provisions & Warlike Stores, Whereby our Service has been "Greatly Prejudiced & the Safety of Our Dominions Endan-"gered: It is therefore our Express Will & Pleasure, that "you do with the advice of Our Council take the most Speedy "& Effectual Measures to hinder all Correspondence Between "any of Our Subjects Inhabiting our Province of New Jersey "Under your Government, & the Subjects of The Said French "King, & to prevent any of the Colonies or Plantations "belonging to our Enemies or other places possessed by them "in America being Supplied Either by Sea or Land from our "said Province under your Government, with Provisions or "Warlike Stores of any kind.

"And in case you shall find it Necessary to have an Act

"passed for the purposes above Mentioned you are Earnestly "to Recommend it in our Name to our Council & to the "Representatives of our said Province to prepare & Pass such "Act.

"As his Majesty is Continually Sending Forces both by Sea "& Land for the Defence and Protection of his American "Colonies, I do in Duty to the King and in a Tender Regard "to his good Subjects most Earnestly Recommend to you the "passing such an Act, That while the King (as a Kind "Father of his People) in taking all Possible care to Pre-"serve them, we may not be Accessory to our own Ruin & "Destruction by Carrying on a Commerce with the Subjects "of the French King, & Supplying them with Provisions and "Warlike Stores.

"Gentlemen of the General Assembly

"You will Please to Consider all I have now laid before "you & Such Articles as may require Money to Carry them "into Execution (the Necessary Acts therefor Properly begin-"ning at your house) I shall not Doubt your Chearfully "doing therein, what may most of all Conduce to his Majestys "Interest and Honour, And to the Safety & Wellfare of his "good Subjects, & you will very Particularly Look into the "Acts Relative to Colonel Schuylers Regiment & the forces "on the Frontiers, & make Provision for their Further Pay-"ment, & for all other Necessaries relating to them.

"Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

"In this time of increased Danger, I hope there will not "arise the The least Difficulty or Division in the Legislature; "but that we shall, Unitedly (Heart & hand) do all in our "Power to Promote the good of the Common Cause and in "Particular the happiness & Prosperity of the People of "New Jersey under our Care.

Elizabeth Town Council Chamber J: BELCHER
October 13th 1756

The House continued till Thursday Octr 14th 1756

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble } Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Friday Octr 15th 1756

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble } Esq^{rs}

Then His Excellency by Mr Secretary informed the Council that he had Given Leave to the House of Assembly to adjourn themselves to the 11th day of November Next.

The Foregoing are true Copies of the Minutes of Privy Council & Legislation Examined & Compared by

ROBERT OGDEN D Secretary

At a Council held at the Borough of Elizabeth on Saturday The 27th day of November 1756

Present

His Excellency the Governor

The Honble Andrew Johnson, Peter Kemble, David Ogden } Esq^{rs} of His Majestys Council

The Governor laid before the Board a Letter from the Earl of Loudoun Dated Fort Edward October 28, *1756* Demanding Quarters for a Battalion of the Royal Americans and for one Independent Company to be received into this Province for this Winter

Also a Letter from Captain John Parker now Commander in Chief of the New Jersey Regiment Dated Albany November 19th *1756* Acquainting his Excellency that the Regiment under his Command Will be Quartered this Winter at Skanaachada[1] and that it will take Three Thousand Pounds to pay them till The Sixth of March Next, & that it is his Opinion, that in case the Money be not Speedily sent, the Soldiers will Desert very fast, and asked the opinion & advice of this Board what ought to be done in Consequence of the aforegoing Letter

In answer thereto this Board are of Opinion & do advise his Excellency to Prepare Winter Quarters for the Receiving of the Battalion & one Independent Company into this Province as Recommended by my Lord Loudouns Letter

And that his Excellency do send Captain Parkers Letter to one of the Treasurers of this Province by Lieutenant John May the Bearer thereof wch Letter and said Lieutenant Mays Receipt thereon this Board are of Opinion will be a Sufficient Voucher for Either of said Treasurers for the Sum by Either of them to be paid, & also are of Opinion that the sum of Two Thousand Pounds be Necessary & Will Answer the Present Occasion.

His Excellency Considering the State of the Province Desires the Opinion & advice of this Board Whether it be not Necessary for his Majestys Service & the Interest of this Province to Call the General Assembly together to meet here as soon as Conveniently may be

In Answer this Board are of Opinion that it is Necessary & advise the same to be done

Then His Excellency with the advice of Council was pleased to Sign the Following Warrants Vizt

		£	S	D
N° 451	To himself or order for a Quarters Salary as Governor of this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Instt..	250 „	0 „	0

[1] Schenectady.

N° 452	To himself or order for a Quarters house rent due the 21st Inst.....	15 „ 0 „ 0
N° 453	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Province due 21st Inst.....	6 „ 5 „ 0
N° 454	To Richard Saltar Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this Province due 21st Inst.....	6 „ 5 „ 0
N° 455	To Samuel Smith Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province due 21st Inst	10 „ 0 „ 0
N° 456	To Andrew Johnston Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of The Treasurers of this Province due 21st Inst.....	10 „ 0 „ 0
N° 457	To Courtland Skinner Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Attorney General of this Province due 21st Inst.....	7 „ 10 „ 0
N° 458	To Charles Read Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as as Clerk of the Council for this Province due 21st Inst.....	7 „ 10 „ 0
N° 459	To John Smith or Order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits for this Province due 21st Inst.....	5 „ 0 „ 0
N° 460	To Anthony Elton or order for a Quarters Salary as Door Keeper to the Council of this Province due 21st Inst.	2 „ 10 „ 0
N° 461	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or order for holding the four following Courts Vizt in Morris the fourth Tuesday in Septr last in Somerset The first	

	Tuesday in October last in Essex the Second tuesday in October Last & in Monmouth the Second Tuesday Ins^{t}.....	40 „	0 „	0
N° 462	To Andrew Robinson or order for 45 Days attendance as Serg^{t} at Arms for this Province due the 15th of October last.....	6 „	15 „	0
N° 463	To Andrew Johnston Esqr or order to pay for the Use of the Council Chamber in full to this day.....	5 „	5 „	0

Proceedings of Council at a Session of the General Assembly Begun and holden at Elizabeth Town on Friday the 17th day of December 1756

The House Met Present

Andrew Johnston
The Honble Peter Kemble } Esq^{rs}
David Ogden

The House Continued till Saturday Decr 18th 1756

The House Met Present

Andrew Johnston
The Honble Peter Kemble } Esq^{rs}
David Ogden

The House Continued till Monday Decr 20th 1756

The House Met Present

Andrew Johnston
The Honble Peter Kemble } Esq^{rs}
David Ogden

The House Continued till Tuesday Decr 21st 1756

The House Met Present

Andrew Johnston
The Honble Peter Kemble } Esqrs
David Ogden

The House Continued till Wednesday Decr 22d 1756

The House Met Present

Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble
Thos Leonard } Esqrs
David Ogden

The House Continued till Thursday Decr 23d 1756

The House Met Present as before

His Excellency came into Council & having by the Secretary required The Attendance of the House of Assembly, the Speaker with the House Attended, when his Excellency was pleased to Deliver the Following Speech to both Houses

Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

At our Meeting in October last, I laid before you in the most Particular Manner, I cou'd the State of Our Publick Affairs to that time and in Your Resolution thereupon, you said Several of the Matters were of Extraordinary Moment, But Desired a Recess for further Consideration therein, and I now hope you will have recourse to my Speech then made to you, & duly Deliberate & do in the Several Articles, what may be Necessary for the Honour & Interest of His Majesty & for the Safety & Welfare of the Province.

That there might be no reason of Delay in doing what may be necessary on our part, for Promoting His Majestys Service, I wrote to the Right Honble my Lord Loudoun the 14th Curr^t^ Informing his Lordship that the Assembly would set at this time, and his Lordships Answer to the said Letter, I herewith Deliver you, and which I think full of Justice and of a Kind Regard to this Province, The best return Whereunto will be your doing all you can (in Conjunction with the other Colonies) in Raising a good Number of Men, for the Common Cause in Defence of His Majestys Just Rights and Interest, as well as for our own Safety, and that you now come into Such Reasonable Resolutions, as may Facilitate Our Acting up to our Duty, And which will also in the best Manner express Your Gratitude to the Right Honble the Earl of Loudoun, for all his Goodness to & Generous Treatment of this Province

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

I believe you will think it absolutely Necessary, to Look into the State of your Publick Funds, in which I understand by the Officers of the Treasury there are Deficiencies Especially in the Want of Money to Pay the Quarters of the Troops Stationed in this Province as also for Payment of the Men Lately under the Command of Colonel Schuyler, But now Devolved on Captn John Parker, whose Letter of the 19th of November I herewith Deliver you, and upon the Rec^t^ Whereof, I sent to the two Treasurers for the Money, whose Answers were they had no money for the Occasion, so I was obliged to send away the Messenger without any, I believe you will therefore think it, best in Justice to the People & for Preventing Great Desertion, to send away the Money without Delay.

Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

I hope you will give Everything laid before you in my Speech of the 13th of October past, as also what I have now said to you, their due weight and Consideration with Good

Dispatch, & thereby Demonstrate Your Duty & Loyalty to the best of Kings who is always approving himself a Nursing Father to all his People.

Elizth Town Council Chamber Decr 23: 1756 } J. BELCHER

The House Continued till 2 oclock P: M:

The House Met Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Thomas Leonard, David Ogden } Esq^{rs}

Mr Read & Mr Stevens from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entitled an Act to Continue the Pay of the remaining Part of the Forces, Lately under the Command of Colonel Schuyler &^{c}

Which being read the first time was ordered a Second Reading

The Bill Entitled an Act to Continue the Pay of the Remaining Part of the Forces, Lately under the Command of Colonel Schuyler &^{c} was read the Second time & Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

The House Continued till Friday Decr 24: 1756

The House Met Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Thomas Leonard, David Ogden } Esq^{rs}

Mr Kemble from the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entitled An Act to Continue the Pay of the Remaining Part of the Forces Lately under the Command of

Colonel Schuyler &c Reported the same Without any Amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read the Third time

The Bill Entitled an Act to Continue the Pay of the Remaining Part of the Forces Lately under the Command of Colonel Schuyler &c being read the Third time On the Question Resolved that the Same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same

Ordered that Mr Ogden do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Ogden Reported that he had Obeyed the above order

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Read & Mr Stevens

Ordered that Mr Read & Mr Stevens do wait on the Council & desire to Know if they have any Business before them, if not that this House Purposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission.

Assembly Chamber } By order of the House
Decr 24, 1756 } ABRA: CLARK JUNr Clk

The Council Informed the Messengers that they had no business before them

His Excellency came into Council & Having by the Clerk required The Attendance of the House of Assembly they Attended When his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Following Bill

Entitled An Act to Continue the Pay of the Remaining Part of the Forces Lately under the Command of Colonel Schuyler &c

Then his Excellency gave Leave to the Assembly to adjourn themselves to the 20th day of January Next

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Thursday the 13th Day of Janry 1757

Present

His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governor

The Honble Edward Antill, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden — Esqrs of His Majesty's Council

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from the right Honble the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations Dated Whitehall October 9th 1756 which being read is as followeth, Vizt

Whitehall Octobr 9th 1756

Sir,

It having been represented to His Majesty, that the Several Islands & Colony's belonging to the French in America have, in times of War, been frequently Supplyed with Provisions of Various Kinds, by Means of the Trade Carried on from His Majestys Islands & Colonys, to the Colonys & Settlements belonging to the Dutch and other Neutral Powers, It is his Majestys Pleasure that you do forthwith upon the receipt of this order, give immediate Directions that an Embargo be laid, During His Majestys Pleasure, upon all Ships & Vessells, Clearing out with Provisions, from any Port or Place Within your Goverment, Except those which shall be Employed in Carrying Provisions to any other of His Majestys Colonies and Plantations, which Ships or Vessells are to be allowed to Sail from time to time; Provided that the Masters or owners do, before they are Permitted to take any Provisions on board Enter into Bonds (with two Sureties of Known Residence there & Ability to Answer the Penalty) with the Chief officers of the Customs of the Ports or Places, from Whence such Ships or Vessells shall set Sail to the Value of one Thousand Pounds, if the ship be of Less Burthen than one hundred Tons, & of the Sum of Two Thousand Pounds, if above that Burthen, that the Cargo's of such Ships or

Vessells, the Particulars of which are to be Express'd in the Bonds, shall not be Landed in any other Port or Places than such as belong to His Majesty or are in Possession of His Subjects, and that they will within Twelve Months after the Date thereof (the Danger of the Seas excepted) Produce Certificates under the hands & Seals of the Principal officers of the Customs at such Ports or Places for which such Ships or Vessells Cleared out, that the s^d^ Cargoes Expressing the Particulars thereof, have Actually been Landed there & when there shall be cause to Suspect that such Certificates are false & Counterfeit you shall take Especial Care that such Security be not Cancelled or Vacated, untill you shall have been informed from the said Principall Officers of the Customs that the Matter & Contents thereof are just & true & in Case the Masters or Owners of such Ships or Vessells shall not Produce the said Certificates within the time Limitted, You are to Attest the Copies of such Bonds under your hand & Seal & to Cause Prosecution thereof, & you are also to give Directions that no person be admitted to be Security for another, who has Bonds Standing out, Undischarg'd Unless he be Esteemed Responsible for More than the Value of such Bonds.

And in order more fully to Answer His Majestys Intention of Distressing the Enemy, & to render his orders herein the more Effectual, You are to take Care in Case the Masters or Owners of any Ships or Vessells, having Cleared out from the Colony under your Government, Laden with provisions for any of His Majestys other Colonies or Islands, Shall be Detected, in Causing Collusive Captures to be made of the Cargoes, that the Severest Penaltys be inflicted Upon the Offenders which the Laws will in such Case allow of

We are Sir
Your most Obedient
Humble Servants
DUNK HALIFAX
ANDREW STONE
JAMES OSWALD

Jonathan Belcher Esqr
Govr of New Jersey

His Excellency Desires the Opinion & advice of this Board Whether to Issue a Proclamation for an Embargo to be laid in Conformity to said Letter upon which & upon a Late Letter to His Excellency from Mr Fox Secretary of State to the Same Purport, the Council do advise that His Excellency do Issue the following Proclamation Vizt

Whereas it hath been represented to his Majesty, that the Several Islands & Colonies belonging to the French in America have in times of War been frequently Supplied with Provisions of Various Kinds, by Means of the Trade Carried on from His Majestys Islands & Colonies to the Colony's & Settlements belonging to the Dutch & other Neutral Powers; And thereupon it is His Majestys Royal Order, that an Embargo be immediately laid during His Majestys Pleasure upon all Ships & Vessells, Clearing out with Provisions from any Port or Place within this Government, Except those as shall Carry Provisions to any other of His Majestys Islands and Plantations: In Obedience therefore to His Majestys Royal Order aforesaid, I have thought fit, by and with the advice & Consent of His Majestys Council of this Colony to Lay & I do hereby Lay a Prohibition & Embargo During His Majestys Pleasure on all Ships & Vessells Laden or to be Laden with Provisions (Except such & so much as shall be absolutely Necessary for the use of such Vessell & the Maintenance of her Crew during her intended Voyage) And Clearing out of any of the Ports or Places of New Jersey, Agreeable to the Directions & Instructions by me received from His Majesty for that Purpose: And I do hereby order & Direct the Collectors of His Mayestys Customs & Naval Officers of the Several Ports & Places within this Government, Not to Clear out any Ships or Vessells Laden with Provisions from any Port or Place within this said Government, Except those which shall be Employed in Carrying Provisions to any other of His Majestys Colonies and Plantations, or shall be Employed by the Government for the Supply of His Majestys Army & Fleet, Which shall be

allowed to sail from time to time; Provided that such Master & Masters or Owner & Owners of all & Every such Ships & Vessells, so Excepted as aforesaid Shall & do before they are Permitted to take any Provisions on Board, enter into Bonds (with two Sureties of Known Residence within this Colony & of Ability to Answer the Penalty) with the Collector of the Customs of the Ports or Places from whence such Ships or Vessells Shall set Sail, in the Penalty of one Thousand Pounds if the ship be of Less Burthen than one Hundred Tons; And in the Penalty of Two Thousand Pounds, if above that Burthen; The Conditions of which said Bonds shall be that the Cargoes of such Ships or Vessells (the Particulars whereof are to be Expressed in the Bonds) Shall not be Landed in any other Ports or Places than such as belong to His Majesty, or are in the Possession of His Subjects, And that they will within Twelve Months after the Date thereof (the Dangers of the Seas Excepted) produce Certificates under the Hands & Seals of the Principal officers of the Customs at such Ports or Places for which Such Ships or Vessells are Cleared out, that the said Cargoes (the Particulars whereof Shall be Expressed in such Certificates) have Actually been Landed at the said Ports & Places for which the said Ships or Vessells were so Cleared out as aforesaid. And if there shall be Cause to Suspect that any of the Certificates as aforesaid are false & Counterfeit, the said Several Collectors as aforesaid are hereby further ordered & Directed to take Especial Care that Such Security or Bonds be not Cancelled or Vacated, Untill Information can be had from such Principal officers of the Customs as aforesaid, that the Contents of the said Certificates are just & true And the said Several Collectors as aforesaid, are hereby Further ordered & Directed that no Person be Admitted to be Security for Another, who hath any Bond or Bonds standing out undischarged, Unless he the said Bondsman, Shall be Esteemed Responsible for more than the Bonds so Entered or to be Entered into as afores[d] And in order more fully to

Answer His Majestys Intention of Distressing the Enemy and to render His orders herein the more effectual, I do hereby further order & Direct, the Several Collectors & Naval officers as aforesaid, to take Care that in Case the Masters or owners of Any Such Ships or Vessells having Cleared out from this Colony as aforesaid Laden with Provisions for any of his Majestys Colonies, Islands, Army or Fleet as aforesaid, Shall be Detected of Causing Collusive Captures to be made of Such Cargoes, the said Collectors & Navall officers, do forthwith Transmit to me, a full account of Every such Discovery & Detection with the Proofs thereof, that Every such Offender or Offenders, may be immediately Prosecuted for the same & the Severest Penaltys inflicted upon him or them that the Laws will in such Cases admit of

And Every Collector of his Majestys Customs & Naval officers within this Colony is hereby Strictly Charged & Commanded to take Especial Care that this Prohibition & Embargo & Every Clause Article & thing herein Contained be punctually observed and put in Execution Untill His Majestys Pleasure herein shall be further Known; and also that the Laws may be put in Force against all & Every Such Master & Masters Owner & Owners of such Ships or Vessells who shall break or Violate any of the Laws of Trade or anyways offend in the Premisses.

And all His Majestys Leige Subjects are hereby Strictly Charged enjoined & Commanded to be aiding & Assisting to the Collectors of His Majestys Customs & Naval Officers of this Colony in the Discharge of their respective Duties. And I do hereby request all His Majestys Leige Subjects within this Government, who shall or may Discover any Ship or Vessell Privately or Clandestinely Loading or Unloading in any of the Out Bays Creeks or Rivers within the same or thereto adjacent & against the Purport of this Prohibition & Embargo to give immediate information thereof to the officers of His Majestys Customs, that the Offender & Offenders may be Dealt with According to Law.

His Excellency was Pleased to Nominate The Revd Mr Aaron Burr to be appointed one of His Majestys Justices of Peace[1] for the Counties of Middlesex & Somerset & Ebenezer Bugram to be appointed one of His Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County of Morris; to which the Council advised.

His Excellency Laid before the Board a Letter from His Honour Lieutenant Governor Denny Dated Philadelphia 16th of December *1756* as also said Governors Treaty with the Indians at East Town in November Last & Desires the Opinion of the Board what may be Proper to be Done in relation thereto, which was reffered till the next meeting of Council

The foregoing are true Copies of the Minutes of Council Examined & Compared by

ROB^{t} OGDEN D Secre^{y}

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Tuesday the 1st Day of March 1757

Present His Excellency the Governor

The Honble Edward Antill, Peter Kemble, David Ogden } Esq^{rs} of His Majestys Council

His Excellency Communicated to His Majestys Council a Letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudoun Dated the 26th of Feb^{ry} last, & Desired the Opinion of this Board Whether it would not be Proper to Call the General Assembly of this Province Together to meet here as Soon as Conveniently may be; Which the Council advised to be done

His Excellency Nominated Courtland Skinner Esqr His Majestys Attorney General of this Province, to be appointed

[1] Rev. Aaron Burr was at this time President of the College of New Jersey. He died on the 24th of September following.—*See Stern's History of First Church in Newark, 206.*

one of his Majestys Justices, of the Peace for all the Several Counties of said Province, to wch the Council Consented.

And also Nominated the Revd Mr Aaron Burr, President of New Jersey College to be appointed One of his Majestys Justices of the Peace & of the Quorum for the Countys of Middlesex & Somerset, to which the Council Consented

Then his Excellency with the advice of Council was Pleased to Sign the Following Warrants

		£	S	D
N° 464	To himself or order for a Quarters Salary as Governor of this Province due the 21st Ulto	250	0	0
465	To himself or order for a Quarters House Rent due 21st Ult°	15	0	0
466	To Sam^ll Nevill Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Province due the 21st Ult°	6	5	0
467	To Richard Saltar Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this Province due the 21st Ult°	6	5	0
468	To Sam^ll Smith Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province due the 21st Ult°	10	0	0
469	To Andrew Johnston Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province due the 21st Ult°	10	0	0
470	To Courtland Skinner Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Attorney General of this Province due the 21st Ult°	7	10	0

N° 471	To Charles Read Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council for this Province due the 21st Ult^o.....	7 „ 10 „ 0
472	To John Smith or order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits for this Province due the 21st Ult^o.....	5 „ 0 „ 0
473	To Anthony Elton or order for a Quarters Salary as Door Keeper to the Council of this Province due the 21st Ult^o.....	2 „ 10 „ 0

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Saturday the 12th day of March 1757

Present his Excellency the Governor

The Honble Peter Kemble, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden } Esq^rs of his Majestys Council

His Excellency Communicated to the Council a Letter from the Right Honorable the Earl of Loudoun Dated New York the 2nd of this Ins^t March Signifying that he had Rec^d his Majestys orders to make Preparations for Vigorous & offensive Operations in the Ensuing Critical and Important Campaign, which obliges him to Recommend to his Excellency to Lay an Embargo on the Ports of this Government, Least he should not be able to Carry that Plan to the Extent that the importance of it requires

That his Lordship Sees it Necessary to Recommend this Measure to Virginia & all the Governments Northward of it, That his Majestys Service may not be Disappointed of a Supply of Such Ships or Vessells as may be Necessary for Carrying this Important Service into Execution, so Essential to the Well being of his Majestys Colonies

The Council being Unanimously of Opinion it will be for

his Majestys Service that an Embargo should be Laid agreeable to his Lordships desire

It is ordered by his Excellency the Governor with the Unanimous advice & Consent of the Council that a General Embargo be laid & a General Embargo is hereby Laid on all Vessells in the Ports of Perth Amboy Burlington & Salem untill further orders & that Copies of this order be Served on his Majestys Collectors of the above Ports

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Proceedings of His Majesty's Council in a Session of the General Assembly of the Colony of New Jersey held at Elizabeth Town

Friday March 11th 1757

The House Met

Present

The Honourable Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, David Ogden } Esqrs

The House Continued till

Saturday March 12th 1757

The House met

Present

The Honourable Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Thomas Leonard, Lewis M Ashfield, David Ogden } Esqrs

The House Continued till

Monday March ye 14th

The House met

Present The Same as Above

The House Continued till

Tuesday March ye 15th

The House met

Present as Before

His Excellency came into Council & having by the Secretary Requir'd the Attendance of the House of Assembly; The Speaker with the House of Assembly attended when His Excellency was Pleased to deliver the following Speech to both Houses

Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

In the two short Sessions, we had in October and December last I Recommended to You, Several Affairs, which in your Answer to me you said were of Extraordinary Moment, and that you desired a Recess for further Consideration of them.

As I was so full and Particular at the Times I have mentioned in many Important Affairs, I hope, You will have Recourse to them and do as shall be judged necessary for the Kings Honour & Interest in the Common Cause against the Enemy and for the Best Safety & Welfare of this Province

But what I wou'd in the most earnest manner repeat to You, is the Coming into a Resolution for raising a good Number of Men to Join the Kings Troops under the Command of the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudon; & as the Year is advancing apace, to be as expeditious in this Matter as You Possibly can. And as to further Particulars relative to the Operations of the ensuing Campaign, the Events whereof will be of such Consequence to this and the neigbouring Colonies, I now lay before You a Letter I have

received from the Right Honourable the Lord Loudon, dated at New York the 26th of February wherein you will find that all the New England Governments, & that of New York, have readily agreed to the Numbers of Men, Lord Loudon has asked of them which I hope will be Leading to your Exerting yourselves in like manner, and as the King & His parliament have already made you a generous gift of Five thousand Pounds Sterling, and the King has also taken upon him the Charge of Provisions for what Troops you may raise it will greatly Liquidate the Burthen of the Province I Therefore hope you will in a grateful Return to His Majesty's Care & Kindness fall into such Measures as he justly expects from you, and to do it immediately will be giving an Instance of double Duty, Loyalty, & Zeal to His Majesty & of your best assistance in the present critical Conjuncture.

Since our last Meeting I Received a Letter from the Honourable Mr Denny, Governor of Pennsylvania, Dated Philadelphia December 16th[1] *1756* with a Copy of a Treaty of Peace[2] he has Concluded with the Delaware & other Indians, The same I shall or to be delivered You Wherein you will find mention made several Times of this Province which matter you will Consider and act therein as may be judged most for the Service of this Province

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

As the Nature of the Things I have laid before you, will require Supplies of Money, I depend you will Chearfully do your Part for speedily putting them in motion & Practice.

Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

By the Present Complexion & Situation of Affairs We may Properly call it a Criterion whereby to Judge of what may be the Event of the Coming Year, & which shou'd Stimulate us to do all in our Power with the Divine Assis-

[1] 15th.

[2] See Colonial Records of Pennsylvania, VII., 359.

tance, to Prevent our falling under the Yoke of French Tyranny & for preserving our Religion, Liberties, Rights & Properties to ourselves, & for Transmitting them down to Posterity

Eliz^a Town Council Chamber
March 15th 1757 } J BELCHER

And then His Excellency retired & the House Continued till

Wednesday March 16th

The House met

Present The Same as before

The House Continued till

Thursday March 17

The House met

Present as Before

The House Continued till

Friday March 18th

The House met

Present as Before

The House Continued till

Saturday March 19th 1757

The House Met

Present as Before

The House Continued till

Monday March 21st

The House met

Present as Before

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Read & Mr Johnston in the following Words

Ordered That Mr Read & Mr Johnston do wait upon the Council with the Draught of the Bill for making Current £60,000 in Bills of Credit & the Petition to His Majesty in favour of said Bill and Desire they will please to give their Sentiments thereon to His Majestys Ministers in such Manner as shall be most agreeable to them.

Mr Vreland & Mr Yard from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entituled An Act For regulating Indian affairs & to Prevent the setting of Deer Traps within the Colony of New Jersey

Which Bill was read the first Time & Order'd a Second Reading

The House Continued till

Tuesday March 22d

The House met

Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Thomas Leonard, Lewis M: Ashfield, David Ogden — Esqrs

The Bill Entituled an Act for regulating Indian Affairs & to Prevent the Setting of Deer Traps within the Colony of New Jersey was read a Second Time & Committed to the members of the Council or any three of them

The House Continued till

Wednesday March 23d

The House met

Present as above

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom the said Bill was referred Reported that the Committee had made several Amendments thereto Which Amendments he read in their Places

Order'd that the said Amendments be read a Second time

Which said Amendments being read a second Time

Order'd that the same be Engross'd

The Bill Entitled An Act for regulating Indian Affairs &c with the Engross'd Amendments being read a third Time

Resolv'd that the said Bill as amended do pass

Order'd That the Speaker do sign the same

Order'd That Mr Ashfield do carry the said Bill with the Amendments made thereto, to the House of Assembly & desire the Concurrence of the House of Assembly to the said Amendments

Mr Johnston & Mr Vangeson from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entitled An Act for Support of Government &c

Which Bill was read the first Time & order'd a second Reading

The House Continued till 3 °Clock P. M:

Wednesday March 23d 1757

3 °Clock P. M:

The House met according to Adjournment

Present as Before

Mr Ashfield reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House of this Morning

The Bill Entitled An Act for the Support of Government was read a Second Time and Committed to the Members of the House or any three of them

Mr Nevill & Mr Read Presented to the House for their Concurrence, the Bill, Entitled an Act for Compleating the Regiment in the Pay of this Colony &c which was read & Order'd a Second Reading

The House Adjourn'd till 9 °Clock to Morrow morning

Thursday March 24th

The House met

Present as Before

The Act for Compleating the Regiment &c was read a Second Time & Committed to the Members of the House or any three of them

The House adjourned till 3 °Clock P. M.

Mr Nevill and Mr Ladd brought back the Bill regulating Indian affairs &c Reingross'd with the Council's Amendments which being read & Compared Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entitled an Act for Compleating the Regiment in the Pay of the Colony of New Jersey to the Number of 500 Effective Men & making Provision for the Same reported the Same without Amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third Time

Which being done And on the Question

Resolv'd that the Same Do pass

Order'd that the Speaker do sign the same

Mr Ashfield Dissented to the passing the said Bill & Desir'd His Reasons might be entred with his Dissent as follows

First That tho' the Title of General Assembly may in Construction of Law be Extended to all the Branches of the Legislature Yet in this Act[1] is confined in such a manner as

[1] See Nevill's Laws of New Jersey, II., 103.

not to admit its meaning to be any other than the House of Assembly And that all Public Monies ought to be accounted for to all the Branches: & by this Act the Commissioners, Commissary & Paymaster are only accountable to the House of Assembly, tho' by the Appellation of the General Assembly

Secondly That the Method fallen upon in the Bill for raising the Men will not (in all Probability) answer the End designed, Because as there have been Numbers of Recruits from this Province, taken into the Several Regiments in His Majestys Service, There are but few Left that wou'd be Likely to be Tempted by the Bounty And Therefore the Commander in Chief ought to have been vested by the Bill (in Case the Method therein proposed shou'd not Succeed by a Limited Time) with power to order Detachments from the Militia, or by some other Method to raise the Number proposed without depending upon so great an Uncertainty as the raising Volunteers

Mr Ogden also Dissented & agreed in the above Reasons

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom was referred The Bill entitled An Act for the Support of Government &c Reported the same without Amendment.

Order'd That the said Bill be read a Third Time which being done & on the Question

Resolvd that the same do pass

Order'd That the Speaker do sign the Same

The House adjourn'd till 9 °Clock tomorrow morning

Friday March 25th 1757

The House met. Present as Before

A Message from the House of Assembly By Mr Vreeland & Mr Vangeson in the following words

Order'd, That Mr Vreeland & Mr Vangeson do wait on the Council and desire to Know if they have any Business

before them if not, That this House Purposes to apply to His Excellency for a Dismission

Assembly Chamber } By order of the House
March 24th 1757 } ABRA: CLARK Jur Clk

The Council inform'd the Messengers that they had no Business before them.

The House adjourned to 9 °Clock tomorrow morning

Saturday March ye 26th 1757

The House met

Present as above

A message from the Governor by the Secretary in the Following words

Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

Upon Reading Your Bill for Compleating the Regiment of the Colony of New Jersey to 500 Men I find in the Paragraph relating to an Enlistment of Indented Servants, militating with an Act of Parliament made and pass'd the Last Year on that Behalf, And which act I herewith send You

I must also observe to You that the Bill makes no Provision for Draughting or Detaching out of the Militia, in Case the Regiment Cannot be Compleated in the Manner the Bill proposes, & if this shou'd be the Case, as may be feared, it seems necessary, to add a Clause to the Bill, for Draughting what Men may appear wanting to Compleat the Regiment to the Number mentioned in the Bill, or otherwise the Aid & assistance You Propose for joining in the Common Cause may prove weak & ineffectual. To prevent which His Majesty's Provinces to the Eastward have fallen into this necessary Expedient & I desire You Gentlemen to Consider what I now lay before You and to amend the Bill in these

Articles with what Despatch You can for as the Year is far advanc'd the Levies shou'd be got forward with as Little Delay as Possible

Eliz^a Town Council Chamber
March 26th 1757 } J BELCHER

The House Continued till

Monday March 28th

The House met

Present as above

The House Continued till

Tuesday March 29th

The House met

Present as above

The House Continued till

Wednesday March 30th

The House met

Present as above

The House Continued till

Thursday March 31st 1757

The House met

Present

His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governor &^c

The Honble Andrew Johnston
Thomas Leonard
Lewis M. Ashfield } Esq^rs
David Ogden

His Excellency having by the D: Secretary inform'd the House of Assembly that he was Present in the Council Chamber ready to receive the Address of the House

The Speaker with the House Attended & Delivered their Address in the following Words

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Captain General & Governor in Chief in and over His Majestys Province of New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the Same &c

May it Please Your Excellency

We His Majesty's Dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey in General Assembly Conven'd from Hearts deeply sensible of the Necessity of assisting in the Common Cause at this Time cannot help expressing the real Concern with which We found ourselves affected by the large Number of Men mentioned in the Right Honourable the Earl of Loudon's Letter, and this the rather, as from the Number his Lordship had asked from the Governments to the Eastward We had Concluded his Demands Considerate and proportionable, & from thence had reason to hope of being able to Comply with any Proposal His Lordship shou'd make to us

As We are Conscious of every Necessary Prepossession in favour of a general of so aimable a Character, & retain a very grateful Sense of his Kind Sentiments repeatedly express'd in regard to this Colony We are well assured his Lordship's Demand from us at this Time is in a great Measure owing to his Being a Stranger to our Distress'd Circumstances in several Respects, one of which is the Scarcity of Money; For notwithstanding the Sums imported to North America for the Army, and the Colony Emissions, it's well known what falls to our Share principally Centers at New York & Philadelphia where our Trade Chiefly lies, another Consideration equally important is the Large Number of Volunteers who have already been raised in this Government

besides Servants & Apprentices among the Regulars, and many Voluntiers in the Provincial Services, which with the Loss of our Forces and Stores at Oswego adds to our Difficulties But what appears still more Particularly burthensome to the Province and obstructing to the Service at this Time is your Excellency's absolutely refusing to Emit any Paper Money to be Longer Current than five Years

The Aid We have now and heretofore given the Common cause has so Loaded the five Years to Come with Taxes, that it will Be Extremely difficult to Continue the Five Hundred Men to be furnished the Ensuing Campaign longer than this Summer, unless We can get some Relief in prolonging the Time for Sinking the Money, or by an Emission of Paper Bills of Credit in the manner propos'd by the Bill now agreed to be sent home for His Majesty's approbation (with which We should be glad of your Excellency's Concurrence) or by some other Method at Present unknown to us

The Present Prospect of Indian Affairs in the Neighbouring Government of Pennsylvania Cannot but afford a real Pleasure to every Person acquainted with the Late outrages, We have never since the Surrender of the Proprietary Governments been much Concerned with Indian Affairs, nor do we Know that they have had any reason to Complain of this Province Nevertheless that Nothing may be justly Laid to our Charge, respecting either the Promisses given at the Late Treaty or such other Acts of Justice or Kindness as may be due to or Necessary for them, We have by the Bill pass'd at this Setting taken Such Measures as appear to us the Best Calculated to be of Real advantage to them, and We hope the Expedient will also Prove useful to many of the other inhabitants

It is now nigh three Years since the Present House of Assembly was Chosen A Variety of Unprecedented Troubles has introduced a Large & unprecedented Expence. The Part We have acted has been in Consequence of the Sentiments & Applications of our Constituents Whether they are willing to Continue the Expence will be best Known by a

new Choice, and it is but reasonable at a Time of Such Encreasing Danger, that their Sentiments shou'd be Known in the most effectual Manner, a Triennial Election has been Expected and wou'd be very acceptable to us, And Therefore We take this Occasion to earnestly desire Your Excellency wou'd be Pleased to Dissolve the present House of Assembly at the Expiration of the said three Years

March 23d 1757 By Order of the House
ROBERT LAWRENCE Speaker

Then His Excellency was Pleased to give His Assent to the following Bills Viz^t

An Act for Regulating Indian affairs & to prevent the Setting of Deer Traps within the Colony of New Jersey

An Act for Compleating the Regiment in the Pay of the Colony of New Jersey to the Number of Five Hundred Effective Men and making Provision for the Same

An Act for the Support of the Government of His Majesty's Colony of New Jersey to Commence the 21st day of May 1757 & to end the 21st day of May 1758 And to Discharge the publick Debts & Contingent Charges thereof, & for Setting the Quotas in the respective Counties, and Laying of a Provincial Tax

Then His Excellency Prorouged the General Assembly to meet here at 2 °Clock this Afternoon

2° Clock P: M: The House met according to Prorougation

Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston
Thomas Leonard
Lewis M Ashfield } Esq^rs
David Ogden

His Excellency came into Council & having by the D Secretary required the attendance of the House of Assembly, They attended when His Excellency was Pleased to adjourn them to the 20th day of April Next

At a Council Held at Elizabeth Town in the Province of New Jersey on Thursday ye 31st day of March 1757

Present
His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governor

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Thomas Leonard, Lewis M Ashfield } Esq^rs

His Excellency Communicated to the Board A Letter from the Honble William Denny Esqr Lieut^t Governor of Pennsylvania, Dated at Philad^a Decr 16th 1756 Respecting Indian Affairs enclosing the Treaty held with the Indians at Easton in Pennsylvania in November last, The Council Advise His Excellency to Permit the Indian called Philip to pass to Philad^a Also to direct the Secretary, the Mayor of Burlington, or John Ladd to give Pass: Ports to Philad^a to such Indians in this Colony as incline to go there in any Number not Exceeding three Men, at any one Time, while the State of affairs between the English & Indians remains in the Present Situation

Then His Excellency by and with the Advice of His Majestys Council was pleas'd to Sign the following Warrants

		£	S	D
N° 474	To James Hude Esqr for 14 day's Attendance in Council at the Sessions of Genl Assembly in July & October Last.....	4 „	4 „	0
N° 475	To Peter Kemble Esqr for 40 days attendance in Council from the 23^d July last till ye 26th Ins^t.....	12 „	0 „	0
N° 476	To Andrew Johnston Esqr for 134 days Attendance in Council from the 4th April 1755 till this Day.....	40 „	4 „	0

N° 477	To David Ogden Esqr for 34 days Attendance in Council from ye 23^{d} July last past till this day.....	10 „ 4 „ 0
N° 478	To Thomas Leonard Esq for 43 days Attendance in Council from 14 April 1755 till this Day.....	12 „ 18 „ 0
N° 479	To Richard Saltar Esqr for 9 days attendance in Council at the Sessions in July last Past.....	2 „ 14 „ 0
N° 480	To Lewis M: Ashfield Esqr for 23 days Attend^{ce} in Council at this Present Sessions.....	6 „ 18 „ 0
N° 481	To Charles Read Esqr in full of his Acc^{t} for Charges attending Expresses to this Session.....	70 „ 12 „ 3¾
N° 482	To William Bradford in full of His Acco^{t} for Printing the Votes and Laws of this Province from 12th Novr 1755 to 17th Decr 1756.....	85 „ 15 „ —

His Excellency observed That in the Bill pass'd this Day there was no Particular Direction respecting the Arms for the Soldiers to be raised to Compleat the Regiment. The Board advise His Excellency to Direct the Person who has the Provincial Arms in Keeping to Deliver to the Commissary or Commissioners such Arms as shall from time to time be necessary for the Use of the Troops in the Pay of this Colony taking Proper Receipts for the Same

The Afforegoing are true Copies of the Minits of Council compared by

ROB^{t} OGDEN D Secretary

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Thursday May 26th 1757

Present
His Excellency the Governor

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble } Esq^rs of his Majestys Council

His Excellency with the advice of Council was Pleased to Sign the following Warrants Viz^t

		£		
N° 483	To himself or order for a Quarters Salary as Governor of this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st Inst..	250 „	0 „	0
N° 484	To himself or order for a Quarters House Rent due the 21st Inst.....	15 „	0 „	0
N° 485	To Robert Hunt^r Morris Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of this Province due 21st Inst.....	25 „	0 „	0
N° 486	To Samuel Nevil Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Province due 21st Inst.....	6 „	5 „	0
N° 487	To Richard Saltar Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court of this Province due the 21st Inst.....	6 „	5 „	0
N° 488	To Samuel Smith Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province due the 21st Instant.....	10 „	0 „	0
N° 489	To Andrew Johnston Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of The Treasurers of this Province due the 21st Inst.....	10 „	0 „	0

N° 490	To Courtland Skinner Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Attorney General of this Province due the 21st Instant.....	7 „ 10 „ 0
N° 491	To Charles Read Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council of this Province due the 21st Ins^{t}.....	7 „ 10 „ 0
N° 492	To John Smith or order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits of this Province due the 21st Ins^{t}.....	5 „ 0 „ 0
N° 493	To Anthony Elton or order for a Quarters Salary as Door Keeper to the Council of this Province due the 21st Ins^{t}.....	2 „ 10 „ 0
N° 494	To Samuel Smith Esqr or order for Services done for this Colony Allowed in last Support Bill.....	62 „ 16 „ 2
N° 495	To Nathaniel Davis or order for Thirty Nine Days Attendance as Door Keeper to the Assembly of this Province to this day.....	6 „ 16 „ 6
N° 496	To Samuel Nevil Esqr or order for holding the four following Circuit Courts to Wit in Cumberland County the Second Tuesday in April, in Salem the 3^{d} Tuesday in April in Gloster the 4th Tuesday in April & in Hunterdon the 1st Tuesday in May.....	40 „ 0 „ 0
N° 497	To Peter Savary or order for 53 days Attendance as Sergeant at Arms for the Council of this Province at Seven Successive Sittings Since August 1755 till now.....	7 „ 19 „ 0

N° 498	To Samuel Smith Esqr or order for the use of Richard Partridge Esqr Agent for this Colony at London in full for his Acc^t Allowed in last Support Bill	282	12	0

His Excellency laid before the Council a Letter from Sir Charles Hardy Dated New York May *22^d 1757* Complaining that upon the best Information he had reason to believe that Great Numbers of Seamen were in Elizabeth Town, and that the Jerseys was full of them and that he hoped the Governor would Punish the Country Justice, who had let the Deserters from the Ferrett Escape; & asked the advice of the Council thereon

The Council advise his Excellency to direct the Mayor of Eliz^th Town to Enquire into the Conduct of Joseph Morss & Others, who are said to have Acted Negligently in Securing Seamen Supposed to have Deserted

And that the Mayor of Perth Amboy do Enquire into the Conduct of Andrew Gordon Alderman of that City who is Supposed to have Let the Men Deserted from the Ferrett pass unapprehended & make report to him thereon

And that the Secretary in the Governors Name give Notice hereof to the Mayors & require them to make their Enquiry & report as Soon as Possible

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Friday the 3^d day of June 1757

Present His Excellency the Governor

The Honble Edward Antill, James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble — Esq^rs of his Majestys Council

His Excellency [laid] before the Board a Letter from John Parker Esqr Colonel of the New Jersey Regiment Dated 23^d

of May Wherein Among other things he Complains of the Want of Arms & requests His Excellencys orders for a Supply, He also informed the Board that there were 500 Arms & Accoutrements belonging to the Colony in the Hands of Colonel John Johnston, which by Law are Subjected to the Orders of His Excellency & this Board

It is ordered by His Excellency & this Board that Col° John Johnston do deliver to the Commissioners of this Colony 400 of the said Stand of Arms to be by them sent to the forces of this Colony as Necessity shall require. And that Colonel Parker Deliver to the Commissary such Arms as are Useless or out of repair to be by the said Comissary forwarded to John Taylor one of the Commissioners in this Colony.

The Board Advise His Excellency to Issue his orders to the Colonels of the Several Regiments to Direct them to Inlist the Officers & Men that may be required to the assistance of New York or Pensylvania agreeable to the Supplemental Bill Pass'd this day & Transmit to him the roll.

His Excellency informed the Council that he Proposed to Nominate Colonel John Johnston to Command the Detachment by that Bill directed, of which the board highly Approve. The Council further advise His Excellency on a Demand of the Troops by the Governors of Either Colony with the advice of their Councils Immediately to Call the General Assembly

The Foregonig are true Copies of both Minutes of Council Examined ℘

ROB^t OGDEN D Secretary

At a Council held at Eliz^th Town on Monday the 25th day of July 1757.

Present His Excellency the Governor

The Honble Edward Antill, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden } Esq^rs of His Majestys Council

Samuel Woodruff Esqr Presented to His Excellency His Majestys Mandamus Appointing him to be of the Council of this Province Which Mandamus follows in these Words

George R

Trusty & Welbeloved, We greet you well, We being well Satisfied of the Loyalty, Integrity & Ability of Our Trusty & Welbeloved Samuel Woodruff Esqr have thought fit hereby to Signify to you Our Will & Pleasure that, forthwith upon the Receipt of these Presents, You Swear & admit him the said Samuel Woodruff to be of Our Council, in Our Province of New Jersey in America, In the Room of John Rodman Esqr[1] Deceased. And for so doing this shall be Your Warrant, And so We bid you Farewell. Given at Our Court at St James's the Ninth day of March 1757 in the Thirtieth Year of Our Reign

By His Majestys Command

Samuel Woodruff Esqr to be of the Council of New Jersey. } W: Pitt

Superscribed

To Our Trusty & Welbeloved Jonathan Belcher Esqr Our Captain General & Governor in Chief of Our Province of New Jersey in America, or in his Absence to Our Lieutenant Governor, President of our Council, or Commander in Chief of Our said Province for the time being

Whereupon & in Obedience to the Same His Excellency by & with the advice of His Majestys Council Administered the Oaths appointed by Law, & also the Oath of a Councellor, & the said Samuel Woodruff having made & Subscribed the Usual Declaration, was Admitted to take his Seat Accordingly

A true Copy of the Minits of Council Examined ℘ Robt Ogden D Secretary

[1] Dr. John Rodman died July 18th, 1756.

Proceedings of Council at a Session of the General Assembly of said Province begun & holden at Elizabeth Town in said Province on Tuesday the 24th day of May 1757

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, David Ogden Esqrs

The House Continued till Wednesday May 25th 1757

The House Met Present as before

His Excellency came into Council & having by the Secretary required The Attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker with the House Attended when his Excellency was Pleased to Deliver the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

Since I last parted with you, I have received many things Relating to the Safety & Welfare of the Province, Vizt Two Letters from the Right Honble Mr Secretary Pitt, Dated Whitehall Febry 4th[1] & 19th Three Letters from the Right Honble Lord Loudoun Dated New York April 3d 7th & May 5th A Letter from the Honble Governor Denny Dated Philad April 28th and also Sundry Petitions from the Inhabitants of the Frontiers Praying for Protection from the Cruelties & Murders of the Indians.

His Majestys Especial Commands, Together with the Extraordinary Situation of the Affairs of this Province, has made it my Duty to Convene you at this time, And to lay before you the Several Letters &c Now Mentioned, and which shall be Delivered you & I hope we shall Heartily Join in Carrying their Contents as far as we can into Execution.

[1] Printed in N. J. Archives, VIII., Part II., 241.

You will find by the Secretary of States Letter that it is His Majestys Pleasure that you raise a Number of Provincial Troops at least Equal to those raised before, And which would make a Thousand Men, to Join Lord Loudoun, & that, truly Sensible of His Majestys Paternal Care of this and the Neighbouring Provinces You will Exert Yourselves to the Utmost for Strengthening the Offensive Operations against the French, as the Earl of Loudoun shall Judge Expedient & that you would not Clogg the Enlistment of Men or the raising of Money for their Pay &c with such Limitations as have been hitherto found Difficult & ineffectual And I would Urge you in the most Earnest Manner to read with Deliberation the Secretary of States Letter, and to do therein as may best tend to his Majestys Honour & Service, & to the Safety & Peace of the Province

I am in the next Place to Observe to you that the Right Honble the Earl of Loudoun General of the Kings Forces in North America Complains of Unusual Obstructions he has met with in this Province, in Carrying on the Kings Service & that his Majesty Expects you make Provision for Carriages for the Troops & Horses for Expresses &c

And since you did not raise the One Thousand Men Lord Loudoun Demanded of you in the Kings Name, he thinks it now too Late to go about it so as to have their Service this Campaign, And to supply which Deficiency he Proposes that a part of the Militia of this Province may Stand ready to March upon any Emergency to the Aid & Assistance of the Forces under the Command of Major General Webb, at Albany on his Requisition.

You will duly Consider the purport of my Lord Loudouns Letters, & Act upon them So as best to Answer his Majestys Just Expectations from you.

And you will read with Attention Governor Dennys Letter respecting the Treaty, he is now holding with the Indians in Pensylvania, & do in Consequence thereof as shall be most Consistent with Justice & Equity, & with Peace and good Neighbourhood.

And now I come to the Melancholy Situation of the Frontiers of Our Own Province, Whereupon Complaint & Certain advice of the Indians Killing and Scalping Several Persons in this Province, I did about three Weeks ago, with the advice of His Majestys Council, Post 120 Men for the better Safety & Protection of the Inhabitants under their Present Danger and Distress. And I hereby Earnestly Recommend them to your Tender Care and Pity, Always Rememb'ring if the People there in their Great Jeopardy are Oblig'd to fly from their Habitations, the better Inhabited Towns of the Province will Soon become Frontiers

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

As many of the Articles I have now Recommended to you, will require Supplies of Money, I shall not Doubt your doing Your Part, in a just and Tender regard to the People Committed to Our Care. You must be Sensible Gentlemen, that Whenever the Militia is raised for the Protection and Defence of the Inhabitants of the Province, they must be paid & Subsisted as other Troops that are raised for the Same Service.

Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

As this Province is become a part of the Seat of War, on the English Continent of North America, I hope we shall at all times Consider it with Close Attention, and Unitedly do our Duty in Advancing the Kings Service & Honour with the Safety Peace & Welfare of the Province.

This being a busy Season, and the many things I now lay before you being of great Importance; I shall not Doubt your giving them all Necessary Dispatch, that so you may the Sooner return to your Domestick Affairs.

Elizth Town Council Chamber
May 25th 1757 } J. BELCHER

The House Continued till Thursday May 26th 1757

The House Met

Present as before

The House Continued till Friday May 27th 1757

The House Met

Present as before

The House Continued till Saturday May 28th 1757

The House Met

Present as before

The House Continued till Monday May 30th 1757

The House Met

Present as before

The House Continued till Tuesday May 31st 1757

The House Met

Present as before

Mr Stevens & Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill Entitled an Act, for Raising & Maintaining 120 Effective Men, for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony, And also a Bill Entitled An Act, to Enable the Owners & Possessors of a Large Tract of Salt Marsh, Situate in the Township of Greenwich in the County of Cumberland, Called Tindals Island Marsh &c Which Bills being read the first time Were Ordered a Second Reading

The House Continued till Wednesday June 1st 1757

The House Met

Present

The Honble Edward Antill, James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble } Esq^{rs}

The Bill Entitled an Act, for raising & Maintaining 120 Effective Men for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony & also the Bill Entitled An Act, to Enable the Owners & Possessors of a Large Tract of Salt Marsh, Situate in the Township of Greenwich in the County of Cumberland Called Tindals Island Marsh &^{c} was read a Second time & Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

The House Continued till Thursday June 2^{d} 1757

The House Met

Present as before

Mr Johnston & Mr Ladd from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entitled a Supplementary Act, To the Act, Entitled An Act, for Better Setling & regulating the Militia of the Colony of New Jersey &c which Bill was read the first time & Ordered a Second Reading

The House Continued till Tuesday June 2^{d} 1757 2 °Clock P. M.

The House Met

Present as before

Mr Kemble Chairman from the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entitled an Act for Raising & Maintaining 120 Effective Men for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony. And the Bill to Enable the Owners & Possessors

of a large Tract of Salt Marsh Situate in the Township of Greenwich in the County of Cumberland Called Tindals Island Marsh &c as also the Bill Entitled a Supplementary Act, to the Act, Entitled an Act, for Better Setling & Regulating the Militia of the Colony of New Jersey &c

Reported the said three Bills without any Amendment

Ordered that the said Bills be read the third time.

Which said Bills being read the third time, On the Question

Resolved that the Same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Kemble do Acquaint the House of Assembly that the three before Mentioned Bills, Pass'd this House this day

The House Continued till Friday June 3d 1757

The House Met

Present as before

Mr Kemble reported that he had Obeyed the Order of Yesterday

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Nevill & Mr Read in the Following Words

Ordered that Mr Nevill & Mr Read do wait on the Council to Know if they have any Business before them, if not that this House Proposes to apply to his Excellency for a Dismission

Assembly Chamber } By order of the House
June 3d 1757 } ABRA CLARK JUNr Clk

The Council informed the Messengers they had no business before them

The House Adjourned till 2 O'Clock P. M

The House Met

Present as before

His Excellency came into the Council Chamber & by the Clerk informed the House of Assembly that he was ready to receive the address of that House

The Speaker with the House Attended & Delivered the Address in the Following Words

To His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Captain General Governor & Commander in Chief in & Over His Majestys Province of Nova Ceasarea or New Jersey & Territories Thereon Depending in America Chancellor & Vice Admiral in the Same &^{c}

The Humble Address of the Representatives of the said Province in General Assembly Met.

May it Please Your Excellency

We His Majestys Dutiful & Loyal Subjects the representatives of the Colony of New Jersey in General Assembly Conven'd, beg leave to Observe that we have duly Considered the Several Letters & Petitions referred to in Your Excellencys Speech

As to the Letters from the Secretary of State we have already Anticipated the Necessity of the first of them, by Granting the Supply therein Mentioned before it came to hand, & as to the Latter of them we Acknowledge with Gratitude his Majestys Paternal Care in Ordering a Naval Assistance for our Protection in case the same should be Needed: And as faithful Subjects we have already Exerted ourselves to the Utmost for Strengthening the offensive operations against the French, Even as fully as our Sovereign by the Letter first above Mentioned has requested, without Clogging the Enlistment of the Men, tho their Number might have been more Considerable, had not Your Excellency, insisted on restricting the time for Sinking the Money Struck on that & the late Similar Occasions to so Short a

Period; And in case we had otherwise Succeeded in our application for a Paper Currency, being truly Concerned that our Zeal for the Common Cause should be Unhappily Cramped through those Obstructions, which we Promise Ourselves will be removed, observing with Pleasure & Gratitude His Majestys Kind Assurances, Couched in his Most Gracious Speech from the Throne, Signifying his Paternal regard for America, His Willingness to remove any Ground of Dissatisfaction, & recommending it to his faithful Commons to lay the Burthen they might Judge Unavoidable, in such a Manner as Could Least Distress & Exhaust his People, Glorious Maxims indeed! Well Worthy the Great King who has adopted them, and highly Expedient to be Observed, Amidst the Calamities & Confusion of War, And we fully Depend they will take Place in Our relief, as Extraordinary & Uncommon Events have rendered an Alleviation to Our Burthen Absolutely Necessary

We are of Opinion this Colony has furnished the Carriages and Horses Requisite for the Kings Service When Demanded, with as great Chearfulness & Expedition as any Colony on the Continent & at their Own Expence have Transported the Baggage of two Regiments Receiving thanks of the Principal Officer for the Same, & have been further Honoured with his Lordships Kind Acknowledgement of their Civility & heartiness, And it gives us great Concern to find, his Lordship should now Complain of any Obstruction to the Service, which we have reason to Suppose must be Owing to Some Misrepresentations that may have been made him, as we have not heard of any Real Cause of Complaint, We hope that on Enquiry it will appear Without foundation; This House truly Sensible of the impending Danger, brought upon his Majestys Northern Colonies by the ill Success of the War, have thought it their Indispensible Duty to Provide by Every Practicable Method for the Security of this & the Neighbouring Colonies, by Putting the Militia upon a good & Serviceable Footing by a Bill now sent up to the Council; And we

have put it in the Power of Your Excellency & Council to March a Great Body of Militia to the Defence of our Neighbours, Whenever they shall be Attacked, in full Confidence that Your Excellency & the Council will use this Power with a Tender regard to the People of this Colony and will be Assured from the Governments who require Our Assistance that the Articles they are to Supply shall be ready for the Accommodation of Our Troops When they Enter such Colony.

And this Provision will we hope fully Answer the Purpose Designed by the Demand of the Militia on the requisition of Major General Webb

Before his Lordships Letter came to hand we Complied with His Majestys just Expectations so far as the same have been Signified to us & the Circumstances of the Colony would Admit

On reading Governor Dennys Letter we Observe that the Commissioners for Pensylvania on Indian Affairs have heard, That Commissioners on the part of this Colony were to be present at the Treaty therein Mentioned but on Inspecting Our own Journal, we find that the Committee appointed for Inquiring into Indian Affairs were Confined to this Colony only, beyond the Limits whereof we have never been Concerned in any Indian Treaty

We have taken the Situation of our Distressed Frontiers into Consideration, & Provided for the Defence thereof, but as the Supplies Necessary for this occasion must Derive from Bills of Credit to be Issued, We hope to be relieved in Sinking the Same by Some Proper Expedient without Endeavouring for which we should not Demonstrate Our Tender regard for the People And we have Provided for Payment of the Militia Posted on the Frontiers Untill relieved by the Forces to be raised for that Purpose

As North America has become the Seat of War, we have not hitherto been Inattentive to the Important Event, and hope we shall at all times Discharge our Duty to Our King & Country, in this Extraordinary & Dangerous Crisis

We have given the Greatest Dispatch to the Publick business, and should willingly return to Our Domestick Affairs, in which we have Greatly Suffered for a long time Past, Through Our frequent Attendance on the Publick Service; & having now Provided for Every Exigence in the best Manner we can, should be glad of a Recess, as those frequent Sittings are not only Expensive to the Publick, but also very Prejudicial & Fatigueing to Ourselves And Permit us to observe, that should the Small Pox Spread in this Town, We shall Depend on Your Excellency not to Call us hither untill it be over as a Number of us have never had that Infection

Assembly Chamber } By order of the House
June 2d 1757 } ROBERT LAWRENCE Speaker

After which his Excellency was Pleased to give his Assent to the Following Bills Vizt

The Bill Entitled an Act for raising & Maintaining 120 Effective Men for the Defence of the Frontiers of this Colony, & the Bill to Enable the Owners & Possessors of a Large Tract of Salt Marsh Situate in the Township of Greenwich in the County of Cumberland Called Tindals Island Marsh &c

Then the House adjourned for 2 Hours

The House Met

Present as before

His Excellency came into the Council Chamber & by the Clerk Sent for the House of Assembly who Attended when he was Pleased to give his Assent to the Bill Entitled A Supplementary Act to an Act Entitled an Act for Better Setling & Regulating the Militia of the Colony of New Jersey &c.

And then adjourned the House of Assembly to meet him here the 4th day of July Next

A Journal of the Proceedings of Council at a Sessions of the General Assembly of the said Colony Met by Adjournment at Elizabeth Town on Fryday the 19th Day of August 1757

The House Met

Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Lewis Morris Ashfield, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff — Esq^rs

The House Continued till Saturday August the 20th 1757

Present as Before

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary Required the Attendance of the House of Assembly The Speaker & House Attended when His Excellency was Pleased to make the following Speech to Both Houses.

Gentlemen of the Council & of the General Assembly

Upon the first Intelligence of a large Body of French Troops Laying Siege to Fort William Henry, and upon the Pressing Instances of the Government of New York, I thought it Necessary to Order the Colonels of the several Regiments of Militia to detach their Proportions of one thousand Men, agreeable to an Act of this Province passed the last Sessions, and Having appointed officers to Command them I directed them to Proceed to Albany in the Province of New York. While these Troops were Embarking and on their way I Received the further Intelligence of the Reduction of Fort William Henry, and that Fort Edward upon Hudsons River was Invested by the Enemy. Whereupon I called together His Majesty's Council and laid before them

the Eminent Dangers to which this and the Neighbouring Provinces were Exposed, by the Approach of a Numerous and Successfull Army; and by their Advice, I ordered a further Detachment of Three Thousand Men to be in Rediness to move in Case the Progress of the Enemy should make it Necessary; but I Can now Acquaint You that the french have contented themselves for the present with destroying the works at Fort William Henry, and are Retired; upon which the Troops that were sent from hence, are returned and the whole disbanded.

As Soon as I Received notice of the Approach of the Enemy by Letters from Lieutenant Governor Delancy, dated at Albany the 10th and 11th Instant which will be laid before you, I Called you together, that I might have your Advice and Assistance in the Measures such an Event would render Necessary; and think it my duty now to inform you that upon this Occasion the Militia Laws were found to be Very Insufficient to answer the Purpose of Affording Timely Assistance to our Neighbours or of Defending ourselves in Case of Need:

I Therefore Recommend those Laws to your Consideration that they may Receive Such alterations as may Enable me to use the force of this Province for the Security of this Part of His Majestys Dominions, without having Recourse to the Exercise of the Powers delegated to me by His Majestys Commission under the Great Seal; a Copy of a Clause in which will be laid before you.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

The Expence that has attended the making these detachments will be laid Before you and I doubt not you will make provisions for the Payment thereof and such as may attend any further Measures of the like Kind. The Secretary will lay before you a Letter I have Received from Admiral Holborn dated at Hallifax the 10th Past by which you will observe that the Enemy are very strong in that Part of the world, and His Majesty's Fleet much weakened by sickness:

on which you will do what you think most for the Kings Service and for the Interest of this Colony.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly

This Situation of affairs to the Eastward, and the Reason we Have to fear the Enemy will Renew their Attempts to the Northward are Realy alarming, and Call on us for the Greatest Unanimity and Dispatch in those Measures that at this time may be thought necessary for advancing the Common Cause, and Securing these Colonies from Falling an Easy prey into the Hands of our Enemies.

Eliz^{a} Town Council Chamber J: BELCHER
August 20th 1757

The House Continued till Monday August 22^{d} 1757

The House Met Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Lewis Morris Ashfield, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Tuesday August 23^{d} 1757

The House Met Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Lewis Morris Ashfield, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff Esq^{rs}

The Council Taking into Consideration the Present Dangerous Illness of His Excellency, and the Alarming state of

the Affairs of this Province are of opinion That the Assistance of all the Members of His Majestys Council is at this Time Necessary, & Being Informed Mr Reading was not Summoned to Attend this Sessions of the General Assembly.

Ordered That the Secretary do write to Mr Reading to Press His Immediate attendance and that he Dispatch the Letter by a Special Message.

The Secretary brought from the Governor a Letter from General Webb to His Excellency and a Message Recommending the Consideration thereof in the following Words.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

"The Secretary will Lay before you a Letter I Received last night from General Webb, dated at Fort Edward the 12th day of this Instant Notifying to me that the Jersey Regiment were become Prisoners of War and under Articles not to Serve for the Space of Eighteen Months, & desiring the Province might furnish the Original Number the Regiment first Consisted of for the Future Service of this Campaign.

The Reasons we have to Expect the French will Renew the Attack upon the Northern Frontiers are Sufficient to Induce us to Take Every Measure in our Power to Prepare ourselves for our own Defence.

I therefore Heartily Recommend this Matter to your Consideration" J BELCHER

August 23d 1757

The House Resumed the Consideration of His Excellencys Speech made at the Opening of the Sessions, and being sensible that at this Time of Emenent Danger when there is the Greatest Reason to Expect the French will Renew their Attacks to the Northward, A strict Discipline of the Militia and Severer Penalties than are already Provided for are absolutely Necessary for the Safety of this and the Neighbouring Colonies

Ordered That Mr Johnston Mr Ashfield Mr Ogden and

Mr Woodruff be a Committee to Revise the Laws for establishing a Militia and to Bring in A Bill for the Better Regulation Thereof

Then the House Continued till Wednesday August 24th 1757

The House Met Present
As Before

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Ogden and Mr Hogeland

Ordered That Mr Ogden & Mr Hoogland do wait on the Council and Desire them to Appoint a Comittee of this House to draw an Application to His Majesty for a Supply of Arms for the Use of this Colony and to lay the Distresses and Defenceless State of the Colony before His Majesty and that they will be Pleased to Appoint the time and Place of Meeting of said Committees and that Mr Nevill Mr Read Mr Stevens Mr Wetherill Mr Leaming Mr Fisher and Mr Yard be appointed a Committee of This House for that Purpose.

By Order of the House
ABRA: CLARK JUNr Clk.

The House Continued till 2 oclock P. M.

The House Met Present as before

Ordered That Mr Morris Mr Johnston Mr Ashfield and Mr Ogden be a Committee to Join a Committee of the House of Assembly to draw up an Application to His Majesty Representing the Distresses and Defenceless State of this Colony and Humbly to Implore His Royal Aid in a Supply of Arms and other Things Necessary for its Security; That the Commitees meet at Four of the Clock this afternoon at the House of Mrs Chetwood and that Mr Woodruff Acquaint the House of Assembly thereof

CORNs LOW JUNr D Clk

Mr Woodruff Reported that he had Obeyed the above Order of the House

The House Continued till Thursday August 25th 1757

The House Met Present

	Robert Hunter Morris	Esq^rs
	Andrew Johnston	
	Peter Kemble	
The Honble	Lewis M Ashfield	
	David Ogden	
	Samuel Woodruff	

Mr Ogden from the Committee Appointed to Join a Committee from the House of Assembly Reported that they had Met and made some Progress in the Business to them Referred and Had Ordered him to Move for Leave to Sit again

Ordered That the said Committee have Leave to Sit again.

The House Continued till Fryday August 26th 1757

The House Met Present As Before

Mr Stevens & Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly Presented a Bill Entituled an Act for the Tryal of Benjamin Springer now a Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of Essex upon a Accusation of Felony & Murder.

Also a Bill Entituled an Act for continuing Several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony which will Expire at the End of this Present Sessions by their Own Limitation, for the Concurrence of This House which Bills were Severally Read and Ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till Saturday the 27th of August 1757

The House Met Present

	Robert Hunter Morris	Esq^rs
	Lewis Morris Ashfield	
The Honble	David Ogden	
	Saml Woodruff	

Mr Ogden and Mr Vreelandt from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act for Reviving an Act Entituled an Act for the Relief of Poor Distressed Prisoners for Debt which was Read and Ordered a Second Reading

The Bill Entituled an Act for Continuing several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony which will Expire at the End of this Present Sessions by their Own Limitation, was Read a Second time.

Ordered that the Same be Committed to Mr Ashfield Mr Ogden and Mr Woodruff.

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Tryal of Benjamin Springer &c was Read a Second Time.

Ordered That it be Committed to the Same Committee

Mr Ashfield from the Committee appointed to Revise the Laws for Establishing a Militia and to Bring a Bill for the better Regulation thereof, Reported that the Committee had prepared the Draft of a Bill pursuant to the Order of the House which he delivered in at the Table and the Same was Read the first Time

Ordered That the said Bill be Read a second Time

The House Continued till Monday August the 29th 1757

The House Met Present

The Honble	Robert Hunter Morris Lewis Morris Ashfield David Ogden Samuel Woodruff	Esqrs

The Bill Entituled an Act for Reviving an Act Entituled an Act for the Relief of Poor Distressed Prisoners for Debt, was Read a Second Time

Ordered That the said Bill be Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of Them.

A Message from His Excellency by Mr Secretary directed to Both Houses in the Following Words

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly

The Secretary will lay before you a Letter that Came Yesterday to my Hands, from His Excellency the Earl of Loudoun, dated at Sea the 18th of this Instant, also one of the 25th from Sr John St Clair Deputy Quarter Master General of His Majesty's Forces, by which you will Observe that his Ld Ships Instructions are to Act offensively to the Northward and that he Expects a Large detachment of Your Militia to be in Readiness to Proceed upon his Arrival

As His Lordship Out of Regard to the Safety of this part of His Majestys Dominions, has been Pleased to Suspend his operations to the Estward and to Draw a Great Part of His Forces this way; it Becomes us to afford him all the Assistance in our Power, and I Heartily Recomend it to you to Enable me to Comply with His Lordships Request without Delay

Elizb Town Council Chamber J BELCHER
August 29th 1757

The House Continued till Tuesday August 30th 1757

The House Met Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, Lewis Morris Ashfield, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff } Esqrs

The House Continued till Wednesday August 31st 1757

The House Met Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff } Esqrs

The House Continued till Thursday Sept 1st 1757

The House Met Present

The Honourable Robert H Morris, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Fryday September 2^{d} 1757

The House Met Present

The Honble Robert H. Morris, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Saturday Sept 3^{d} 1757

The House Met Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Monday September 5th 1757

The House Met Present

The Honble Robert H Morris, Richard Salter, Edward Antill, Lewis Morris Ashfield, James Hude, David Ogden, Andrew Johnston, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^{rs}

The Council on further Considering the Letter from Sr John St Claire Deputy Quarter Master General of His Majestys Forces laid before the board by Mr Morris yesterday

Ordered That the Secretary do Carry the following Message to the House of Assembly.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

The Secretary will Lay before you a Letter from Sr John St Clair Deputy Quarter Master General of His Majestys Forces; To Mr Morris, dated at New York the Third Instant, informing Him that the Earl of Loudoun Desired him to Order Sixteen Waggons, for Transporting the Baggage of the Second Battalion of the Royal American Regiment throug this Colony to Pennsylvania which the Council have Accordingly done.

Sr John also signifies that His Lordship will Send About 600 Men Ailing with Scorbutick Complaints, to this Province to be divided Between Elizabeth Town Newark and Amboy; and that these Men will be in the Province this Day.

As the Receiving Such a Number of Sick men into the Places above Mentioned destined by the Earl of Loudoun for their Reception will be Attended with great inconveniences to the Inhabitants of those Places; there Being no Hospitals or Barracks Prepared for their Reception, the Council conceive it Necessary for you to take the Same into your Consideration and Make Speedy Provision for those Men so that too Great a Burthen be not laid on those Particular parts of this Province.

The Secretary Reported He had Obey'd the above Order
The House Continued till Tuesday September 6th 1757

The House Met Present

	Robert Hunter Morris	Richard Saltar	Esqrs
	Edward Antill	Lewis Morris Ashfield	
The Honble	James Hude	David Ogden	
	Andrew Johnston	Samuel Woodruff	

The House Continued till Wednesday September 7th 1757

The House Met Present

As Before

The House Continued till Thursday Sept. 8th 1757

The House Met Present

	Robert Hunter Morris	Richard Salter	Esq^{rs}
	Edward Antill	Lewis M Ashfield	
The Honble	James Hude	David Ogden	
	Andrew Johnston	Samuel Woodruff	

The House Continued till Fryday Sept^{br} 9th 1757

The House Met Present

As Before

The House Continued till Saturday Sept^{br} 10 : 1757

The House Met Present

	Robert Hunter Morris	Richard Saltar	Esq^{rs}
The Honb^{le}	Edward Antill	Lewis M Ashfield	
	James Hude	David Ogden	
	Andrew Johnston	Samuel Woodruff	

The House Continued till Monday Sept : 12th 1757

The House Met Present As Before

The House Taking into Consideration a Letter from His Excellency the Earl of Loudoun of the Seventh Instant Directed to His Majestys Council of this Colony desiring one Hundred Men from this Colony to Act as Rangers during the Winter

Ordered That Mr Woodruff do Carry the said Letter to the House of Assembly and Inform them that this House is Ready to Concur with them in the Necessary Measures for complying with His Lordships Reasonable Request

Mr Woodruff Reported that he had Obeyed the above Order

The House Continued till Tuesday September 13th 1757

The House Met Present

The Honb^le Robert H. Morris, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^rs

Mr Johnston and Mr Ogden from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House the Following Resolves and desired the Concurrence of this House thereto.

Resolved That one Hundred Men Officers Included be immediately Raised in this Colony, to be Employed as Rangers during the Winter Season, as His Excellency, the Earl of Loudoun shall direct; and that said Company of Rangers Consist of a Captain, Two Lieutenants, four Serjeants, four Corporals & Eighty Nine Private Men: and that the wages to be allowed to Each Commissioned and Non Commissioned officers be as Follows Viz^t the Captain Six Shilling ℔ Day Each Lieutenent five Shilling ℔ Day Each Serjant four Shilling per Day and Each Corporal three Shillings and Sixpence per day, and Each private Soldier Three Shillings per day, And that Each Officer and Soldier be furnished at the Expence of this Colony with a good Blankett a Half thick under Jacket, a Kersey Jackett Lapelled, Buckskin Breeches two Check Shirts Two Pair of Shoes and two pair of Stockings and a Leather Cap, and a Hatchet, and that the Captain shall have Twenty Shillings for Each Private Soldier he Shall Inlist in this Service to be retained till the first day of April Next

Resolved

That an Application be made to the Earl of Loudoun for Arms for the said Company

Which Resolves being Read

Resolved

That this House do Concur therewith

Ordered That the Secretary do wait on his Honor the President with the same for his Assent and Request him to Carry the Same into Immediate Execution.

At a Council held at Trenton on Thursday the 22d day of September 1757

Present

The Honourable James Hude
Andrew Johnston
Thomas Leonard
Richard Saltar
Samuel Woodruff
} Esqrs

The Honble Thomas Pownall Esqr Lieutenant Governor came into Council and Gave his Assent to the Above Resolves

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At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Monday the 22d day of August 1757

Present

His Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Govr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruffe
} Esqrs of His Majestys Council

His Excellency By advice of Council Signed the following Warrants

N 499	To Himself for a Quarters Salary as Governor and Commander in Chief of the Colony of New Jersey due 21st Instant	£250 „ — „ —
N 500	To Himself for House Rent for the Quarter Ended the 21st Instant	15 „ — „ —
N 501	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony due 21st Instant	6 „ 5 „ —

N	502	To Richard Saltar Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as third Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony due the 21st Instant.....	6 „ 3 „ —
N	503	To Andrew Johnston Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Colony due the 21st Instant.....	10 „ — „ —
N	504	To Samuel Smith Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Colony due 21st Instant	10 „ — „ —
N	505	To Courtland Skinner Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Attorney General of this Colony due the 21st Instant.....	7 „ 10 „ —
N	506	To Charles Read Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council of this Colony due 21st Instant.....	7 „ 10 „ —
N	507	To John Smyth Esqr Clerk of the Circuit or his Order for a Quarters Salary due the 21st Instant.....	5 „ — „ —
N	508	To Anthony Elton or Order for a Quarters Salary as Door keeper of the Council of this Colony due the 21st Instant.....	2 „ 10 „ —

At a Council Held at Elizabeth Town in New Jersey the 31st day of August 1757

Present

The Honourable Robert Hunter Morris, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^{rs}

His Excellency the Governor dying last night[1] Mr Woodruff one of his Majestys Council having the care of his Excellencys Estate. Brought into Council

The Great Seal of the Colony

The Prerogative Seal

The Royal Commission and Instructions

The Admiralty Commission. together with the Royal Instructions and Sundry Additional Instructions & Mandamus's which were delivered to Mr Morris's Care

The Gentlemen of the Council then wrote a Letter to the Speaker of the House of Assembly; to inform them of the Death of the Governor. In the Following Words

"Mr Speaker

"We the Members of His Majestys Council now in this Town, think it our Duty, to Acquaint you and the House of Assembly, That his Excellency Jonathan Belcher, his Majestys Late Governor of this Province, departed this Life at two of the Clock this Morning; and as Mr Reading the Councillor first named in his Majestys Instructions to the Deceased Governor; is not in Town. We desire your House will Adjourn themselves from Day to Day, 'till the President of the Council is Sworn into the Administration, and Shall Signify his Pleasure to the House.

Ordered That the Clerk of this Board deliver the Same to the Speaker of the House of Assembly

[1] The death of Governor Belcher took place on the 31st of August, 1757. The administration, of right, devolved upon John Reading, the first-named of the Councillors. His age and infirmities, however, were such, that he at first refused to act, and it was with the utmost reluctance that he was at last prevailed upon to assume the duties. For more than a month, the government was administered by the whole Council. See Field's Provincial Courts, 151.

At a Council held at Elizabeth Town on Sunday September the 4th 1757

Present

The Honble	Robert H. Morris	Lewis M. Ashfield	Esq^{rs}
	Edward Antill	David Ogden	
	James Hude	Saml Woodruff	
	Andrew Johnston		
	Richard Saltar		

Mr Morris Brought into Council the Commission and Instructions of the late Governor, and the Publick Seals; and by the desire of the Council Took them again into his Custody

Mr Morris Laid before the Board a Letter from Sr John St Clair Dep^{y} Quarter Master General of his Majestys forces in North America—Dated at New York the third Instant. Requiring Sixteen Waggons for the Conveying of the Baggage of the Second Battallion of the Royal American Regiment, from Elizabeth Town to Pennsylvania; The Rout being through Woodbridge, Brunswick, Princetown and Trenton, and Desiring that Wood might be Carried to their Camp for their Use. Wherefore it is the Opinion of the Council. That Samuel Woodruffe Esqr Mayor of the Borough of Elizabeth do provide Sixteen Waggons or Carts to transport the said Baggage of the s^{d} Troops, from Elizabeth Town Point to Brunswick, and to Provide Sufficient Firewood in their Rout to Said Place. And that James Hude Esqr May^{r} of the City of New Brunswick do Provide the same Number of Waggons or Carts to Transport the said Baggage from Brunswick to Trenton Ferry on Delaware and wood for their Use at Brunswick. And that the Reverend Aaron Burr do provide Wood for their Use at Princetown. And that William Morris Esqr do Provide the same at Trenton.

At a Council Held at Elizabeth Town on Wednesday the Seventh of September 1757

Present

As Before

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Leaming and Mr Ladd as Follows

"The House taking into Consideration a Letter from the Gentlemen of his Majestys Council to the Speaker of the House of the Thirty first of August last, Informing that his Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr Governor of this Colony had that Morning Deceased, Whereby the Government devolved on the Honourable John Reading Esqr the Counciller first Named in his Majestys Instructions to the said late Governor Belcher Desiring the House to adjourn from day to day 'till the President was Sworn into his Office, and Should Signify his pleasure to the House Since which the House have Continued their Adjournments to this Day. Without Hearing from the said President, to the Great Obstruction of the Publick Business, Ordered That Mr Leaming and Mr Ladd do Wait on the Council and desire to be Informed whether the Honble John Reading Esqr is Yet Sworn into the Administration of the Government; and if not the Reason of Such Delay."

The Board taking into Consideration the Above Message Ordered that the Secretary do Carry to the House of Assembly the Following Message, in Answer thereto.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

Immediately on the Governors Death a Proper Notification thereof was dispatched to John Reading Esqr and a Request from his Majestys Council that he would come to this place to take upon him the Administration of the Government Agreeable to the Royal Commission and Instruc-

tions; and informing him that the other Branches of the Legislature were here Engaged in the Publick Service: In Answer to which he Informed them that he Declined Taking the Administration which Occasioned a Second Express; who Returned with an Answer, Shewing that he Persisted in his former Resolution, These Letters the Secretary will Lay Before You.

At a Council held at the House of John Reading Esqr in Amwell in the County of Hunterdon in the Colony of New Jersey on the Ninth day of September 1757

Present

The Honble Edward Antill, James Hude, Andrew Johnston } Esq^{rs}

The Honourable John Reading Esqr upon whom the Government of his Majestys Colony of New Jersey had devolved, by the Death of his late Excellency Governor Belcher, Came into Council & Took the Oaths required by Law, and also the Oath for the Due Execution of his Office and the Impartial Administration of Justice and the Observance of the Laws of Trade. After which His Majestys Royal Commission and Instructions to the Late Governor, together with the Great Seal of the Colony and the Seal of the Prerogative Court were Delivered to him.

His Honour by Advice of Council Issued a Proclamation for Continuing all Officers Civil and Military in their Respective Offices till further Order.

After which His Honour directed the Secretary to Inform the Speaker and House of Assembly on his Return to Elizabeth Town, That it was his pleasure that the House Should adjourn themselves for Ten Days, then to Meet at Burlington and that they Should Thereafter be Adjourned for Ten Days at a time till his Majestys Service Should Require their Meeting.

At a Council held at Trenton the Twenty Second day of September 1757

Present

The Honourable Thomas Pownal Esqr Lieu^{t} Governor

James Hude	Richard Saltar	Esq^{rs}
Andrew Johnston	Samuel Woodruffe	
Thomas Leonard		

His Honnour informed the Board, That Pursuant to His Majestys Command in the Commission of Lieutenant Governor of this Colony Dated at Whitehall the Twentieth Day of May one thousand Seven Hundred and fifty five, He had repaired to this Province upon the first Hearing of the Death of his late Excellency Governor Belcher to take upon Himself the Command in the Administration of the Government.

He Accordingly took the Oath of Office as also the Oath for the Observance of the Laws of Trade. His Majestys Royall Commission and Instructions and the Publick Seals were Delivered to Him.

His Honour then gave his Assent to the Resolution of the House of Assembly of the 13th Instant.[1] Agreed to by the Council the same day for the Raising one Hundred Rangers to act under the Direction of his Excellency the Earl of Loudon.

He then laid before the Board an Additional Instruction from his Majesty Dated at St James the Eleventh day of January 1757. Respecting the Conduct of British Privateers and Letters of Marque in the Gulf of Naples.

[1] See *ante*, Journal of the Provincial Council of September 13th.

At a Council Held at Trenton in New Jersey On Fryday the 23d day of September 1757

Present
as Before

The Council Taking into Consideration the Regard his Honour the Lieut Governor has Manifested to this Colony in Repairing to it on the first Hearing of the Death of his late Excellency. Jonathan Belcher Esqr Came to a Resolution to Address him as Follows

May it Pleas your Honour

We His Majestys Council of the Colony of New Jersey beg leave to Congratulate You on your Arrival here. Your Undertaking so Long a Journey and Leaving the Weighty Government to which his Majesty has been Pleased to Appoint you in Order to Establish the Government of this Colony which was for Several Days Unsettled thro' the reluctance of the Gentleman on whom the Administration Devolved by His Majestys Royal Commission and Instructions to Lay himself under a Necessity at an Advanced age to appear in a Publick Character, and a Scene of Business was a favour more than we Could Expect and we Esteem your Coming to take upon you the administration as an Evident Proof of your Zeal for His Majestys Service and of your regard for this Province. for which we Return you our Hearty Thanks, and doubt not But the Colony will Consider themselves under an Obligation for so Singular an Instance of your Care.

Mr Johnston was desired to wait on his Honour to Know when He would be Pleased to Receive the Same who was Pleased to say he would Receive it Immediately.

Mr Hude Informed the Board that he had waited on his Honour and delivered him the Foregoing Address and that His Honour was pleased to Make the following Answer.

Gentlemen

I thank you for your Obliging Congratulations. Your kind Receptance of my Service Cannot but be Very agreeable to me. My Duty to His Majesty and the Province demand my Considering the Service, not the Trouble; And you may be Assured that I will at all Times give my utmost Attention to the Interest and Wellfare of this Province, and will at all Times be Ready to Attend its Service

His Honour the Lieu^{t} Governor Came into Council—And Desired the Board to Inform him whether they knew of any Extraordinary affair in this Colony which made his Longer Continuance among them Necessary

They acquainted him that they Knew of Nothing of an Unusual Nature at Present Subsisting in this Colony.

After which he acquainted the Board that as his Majesty's Service required his Presence in his Government of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay, He Should Immediately Begin his Journey thither, and leave the administration of the Government in the Hands of the Honorable John Reading Esqr on whom it regularly devolved as Being the Eldest Councillor Named in His Majestys Royal Instructions to the Late Governor Belcher.

And he prepared a Letter to Mr Reading in the Following Words.

S^{r}

Being appointed by his Majestys Commission to me as Lieu^{t} Governor of his Province of New Jersey to administer in Case of the Death of the Governor in Chief the Powers Contained in his Majesty's Commission and Instructions to His Governor, And Knowing how Essential to the Peace and Property and Consequently the Liberties of the Subject a Due Execution of the Powers of Government as Granted by the Crown to this Province is I did Immediately Repair to this Province upon my First Hearing of the Death of Governor Belcher: The Government must at all Times upon

my Absence from the Province devolve upon the Eldest Counciller, I was Therefore Extremely Happy upon my arrival to find it in the Hands of a Gentleman so worthy as Yourself.

I must acquaint you that I have Given my Consent to the Resolve of the Two Houses of Legislature for Raising one Company of one Hundred Rangers as Asked by Lord Loudoun for His Majesty's Service and I must desire you will directly Issue out the Commissions and Give Orders for the Raising the Men Forthwith.

The Necessity of his Majesty's Service in my Government of the Massachusets Bay requires my Immediate Return to that Province. the Administration here by his Majestys Commands Devolves on you upon my Departure from this Province. to your Wisdom and Care I Recommend his Majestys Service & the Peace and Interest of this Province.

I am Extremely Sorry for your Own sake and that of the Province for your Ill State of Health & so feeble a Condition of Body. But I trust by Gods Favour you will be able to Carry on the Ordinary administration of the Government and tho' the Journey from Boston to this Province be Long and Fatiguing, yet if any Matter Extraordinary or of Such a Nature as Requires more Vigirous Execution than your weak State of Health will Enable you to go Through with, I will upon Notice from you at a Moments warning Repair Hither to the aid and Service of the Province.

I am Sir with great respect
Trenton, Sep. 23d. 1757 your most Obedient &
most Faithful Humble Servant
T POWNALL

The Lieut Governor retired and Returning into Council Informed the Board that he had been to take his Leave of Mr Reading who was Confined to his Chamber by Indisposition of Body and that he had delivered to him His Majestys Royal Commission & Instructions to the Late Governor Belcher, Together with the Publick Seals of the Colony.

At a Council Held at Trenton in New Jersey On Saturday the 22d day of October 1757

Present
The Honble John Reading Esqr President

James Hude
Andrew Johnston } Esqrs
Richard Salter

His Honour by advice of Council Signed the Following Warrants

N 1.	To the Executor of His late Excellency Jonathan Belcher Esqr for Salary £27. 7. 6 & House Rent £1 : 13 4...	£29 „ 0 „ 10
N 2	To the Honourable James Hude Esqr for 46 Days Attendance in Council at the different Sittings to this day...	13 „ 16 „ —
N 3	To the Honble Andrew Johnston Esqr for 59 Days attendance in Council in the Several Sessions.....	17 „ 14 „ —
N 4	To Charles Read Esqr for His Acct of Expresses to the 20th day of this Instant, for Acts Passed this Day....	75 „ 15 „ —
N 5	To James Parker for Printing Votes of Assembly and 8vo Militia Laws ⅌r Acct to this day Allowed by Hendrick Fisher and John Johnston Esqr ⅌r Support Bill.....	62 „ 2 „ 3
N° 6.	To Thomas Wetheril Junr for 12 Days attendance as Serjeant at Arms, to the Assembly the Sessions at Burlington in October Instant	1 „ 16 „ —
N 7	To Nathaniel Davis Doorkeeper of the Assembly for 27 Days attendance at Elizabeth Town to this day.....	4 „ 14 „ —

N 8 To William Norcross Doorkeeper of the Assembly at Burlington for the Sessions in October Instant 12 Days.. 2 „ 2 „ —

At a Council held at Trenton in the Colony of New Jersey on Wednesday the 21st Day of December 1757

Present
The Honourable John Reading Esqr President

James Hude
Richard Salter } Esquires
Lewis Morris Ashfield

His Honour informed the Board that he had Received his Majestys Mandamus Dated the Eighteenth day of February last Requiring him to Issue a Patent under the Great Seal of the Colony appointing William Aynsley Esqr to be Chief Justice of this Colony in the Room of Robert Hunter Morris Esqr[1] to hold the said Office During his Majestys Pleasure and his residence in this Colony which Commission he had Issued accordingly.

He Then Laid Before the Board a Letter he had lately Received from Lord Colvill the Commander of his Majestys Fleet at Hallifax.

He Likewise Informed them that Application had been made to him by Lieut Bickers of the New Jersey Regiment for the pay and Subsistance of a number of Soldiers of said Regiment Taken at Oswego which were sent from Canada to Halifax and from thence to Elizabeth Town and that he had

[1] This appointment was made, for reasons that do not appear, during the absence of Mr. Morris in England. Mr. Aynsley lived, however, but a few months after taking his seat upon the bench. In November, 1759, one Nathaniel Jones arrived in Amboy, where a commission as Chief Justice of New Jersey awaited him. When, however, at the next term of the Supreme Court, he entered the halls of justice, he found his coveted seat occupied, as it had previously been, for more than twenty years, by Chief Justice Morris, who had meantime returned to his home. A legal contest, thereupon, arose between the two claimants for the office, which resulted in the retention of his seat by Mr. Morris, during the remainder of his life, and the return to England of Mr. Jones.

Wrote a Letter to Henry Fisher Esqr one of the Comisioners for Providing for the Forces which were at Oswego to Furnish those Soldiers with Clothing Sufficient to Protect them against the Inclemencies of the weather and to give them Directions to Provide for Themselves by their Labour until the Legislature should Further Consider what was proper to be done with respect to Them.

He also informed the Board that he had Received a Letter from His Excellency the Earl of Loudown Dated the 15th Instant Whereby It appears that none of the Regulars could be expected to be Stationed on our Frontiers for their Protection and that there are Thirty of the Militia at the Frontiers who had already Staid a Longer Time than they were Draughted for.

The Board advise His Honour to Relieve by Another Draught as soon as may be Those that are already there.

His Honour then Named to the Board the Following Gentlemen to be Judges of the Pleas for the County of Burlington

John Imlay
Joseph Borden } Esqr

William Montgomery to be a Justice of the Peace in Monmouth County

Richard Porter to be a Justice of the Peace for Hunterdon County and Samuel Barrett to be a Justice of the Peace for the County of Sussex and a petition of Jaspar Smith to be dismissed from the Commission of the Peace In the County of Hunterdon and desired the Opinion of the Board thereon as to the Fitness of the Persons for the Places Recommended.

The Board approve of the Justices and Judges Recomended and that a Supersedeas do Issue to Jasper Smith

His Honor laid before the Board a Letter from Captain Shaw of the New Jersey Regiment Praying his pay and Disbursements

The Board are of Opinion the same should be Laid Before the General Assembly next Meeting

His Honour by Advice of Council signed the Following Warrants

N° 9	To Himself or Order for his Salary from the 9th Day of September to the Twenty first day of November Last as Commander in Chief of New Jersey	99 „ 15 „ 8
N° 10	To the Honourable Robert H. Morris Esqr or order for a Quarter Salary as Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of N Jersey due 21st Novbr Last	25 „ — „ —
N 11	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony Due 21st of November Last.....	6 „ 5 „ —
N 12	To Richard Salter Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as third Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony due 21st of November Last	6 „ 5 „ —
N 13	To Andrew Johnston Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Colony due the 21st of November Last.....	10 „ — „ —
N 14	To Samuel Smith Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Colony due the 21st of November Last.....	10 „ — „ —
N 15	To Courtland Skinner Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Attorney General of this Colony due the 21st of November Last	7 „ 10 „ —
N 16	To Charles Read Esqr or order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council of this Colony due 21st of November Last.....	7 „ 10 „ —

N 17	To John Smyth or Order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony due the 21st of November Last.....	5 „ — „ —
N 18	To Anthony Elton or Order for a Quarters Salary as Door keeper to the Council of This Colony due the 21st November Last.....	2 „ 10 „ —
N 19	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court for Holding the four following Circuit Courts Vizt In the County of Essex on the Second Tuesday in September Last. In the County of Somersett on the first Tuesday in October In the County of Monmouth on the Third Tuesday in October In the County of Morris on the Fourth Tuesday in October.....	40 „ — „ —
N 20	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court or his Order for Holding a Special Court at Morris Town in the County of Morris on Fryday the 28th Day of October last for the Tryal of Benjamin Springer for Felony and Murder Pursuant To an Act of Assembly of this Colony and for the Commission for Holding the Same Court.....	12 „ — „ —
No 21	To Courtland Skinner Esqr Attorney General of this Colony or his Order for his Fees allowed by a Late Act of Assembly for attending a Special Court on Friday the 28th day of October last at Morris Town in the County of Morris for the Tryal of Benjamin Springer as aforesaid.....	15 „ 17 „ 9

N 22	To John Smyth Clerk of the Circuits or order for his Fees allowed by a Late Act of Assembly for Attending the Court aforesaid on the Tryall of Benjamin Springer.....	4 „ 8 „ 7
N 23	To Matthias Williamson Esqr High Sheriff of the County of Essex or his Order Being the Sum allowed by the late Act of Assembly of this Colony for His apprehending Benjaman Springer and for His Subsisting the said Springer, and Attending him on his Tryall at the Place aforsaid at the Court aforsaid.....	16 „ 15 „ 8
N° 24	To Daniel Smith jun^{r} or Order for Transcribing One Hundred Sheets of Writing By Order of Jacob Spicer Esqr Commissioner of the proprietors the said Service being Certifyed by Samuel Smith and Robert Lawrence Esq^{rs}.....	1 „ 7 „ 6
N 25	To Abram̃ Clark or His Order £28 „ 16 „ for Seventy Two days Attendance as Clerk of the House of Assembly of this Province at five Several Sittings at Elizabeth Town Since 1756 Also £16 „ 17 „ 8 For Copying the Laws and Minutes for the Printer during the said Term and Recording the Minutes also Ten pounds for Pen Ink and paper allowed by Law & also Three pounds fifteen Shillings on Acc^{t} allowed by Law Am^{tg} to....	59 „ 8 „ —

The Draft of a Patent for Incorporating Charles Reed Joseph Noble and Samuel Smith & Others to the Number of Sixty therein Named to be a Body Politick and Corporate

by the Name of the Library Company of Burlington with Power to Hold Lands and Annuities So that the Same Exceed not the sum of Two Hundred Pounds Sterling Money Yearly, Was Laid before the Board By his Honour the President and his Advice desired thereon

The Board Advise His Honour to grant the Same

A Journal of the Proceedings of Council for the Colony of New Jersey at a Sessions of the said Colony Met by Adjournment at Burlington on Monday the 10th Day of October 1757

The House met

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Thomas Leonard, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^rs

The House Continued Till Tuesday October 11th 1757

The House met Present

The Same

The House Continued till Wednesday October 12th 1757

The House Met Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Thomas Leonard, Saml Woodruff } Esq^rs

The House Continued till Thursday October 13th 1757

The House Met Present as before

A Message from the President by Mr Secretary to Both Houses was Read and is as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly

When, Upon the Death of his Late Excellency Governor Belcher The Administration of the Government Devolved upon me, the Bodily Infirmities under which I Laboured, And the Advanced age it hath Pleased God to Favour me with, Rendered the Administration too Burthensome for me Chearfully to undertake, and my fear Lest the General Service should have suffered from my Inability to enter into Vigorous Measures were Reasons Very Cogent and forcible to determine Me to Shun an Active Life, And Nothing But the Obedience I owe to His Majestys Commands could have Prevailed on me to Assume the Reins of Government; in the Execution of which my duty my Interest and my Warmest Inclination will Lead me by Every Just and Prudent Measure, to Promote the Security of His Majestys American Dominions in General and the Peace Ease and Happiness of this Province in Particular, and I Hope for Your Aid & best Advice upon all Difficulties that May Occur in these Times of Uncommon Danger and Distress.

His Excellency Thomas Pownal Esqr Governor of Massachusetts Bay and Lieutenant Governor of this Province, being acquainted that the Government of this Colony was Unsettled Prompted by a Zeal for His Majesty's Service, Undertook a fatiguing Journey from Boston and Arrived here where he Found me in the Administration thereof, and did me the Favour to Assure me, that if any Extraordinary Matters Should Require more Vigorous Execution, than the Weak State of my body Should Enable me to Perform he would on the first Notice from me at a Moments Warning, repair here to the Aid and Service of the Province.

A Declaration so Tender in Respect to myself Demands my Sincerest Return of Gratitude, and in Respect to the Colony, Entitles him to their Greatest Esteem and regard: and I Must Recommend it to you to make a Generous Provision

for the Expenses of his Late Journey, and for Such as the Exigency of Affairs shall Make it Necessary for him to Undertake hereafter; and for the Support of the Commander in Chief of the Colony.

It was with Reluctance that you were Called together at a time when your Private Affairs Require More than Ordinary attendance; but the Distressed Situation of the Frontiers which is Represented to me by Letters from several of the Principal Inhabitants; and the Fitting out the One Hundred Rangers for His Majestys Service made Your Immediate Meeting of Absolute Necessity Notwithstanding the Parental Care the Legislature of this Colony have Shewn to the frontier Inhabitants, it Appears upon Tryal that the Forces Stationed there are Insufficient to Prevent the Ravages of the Enemy, nor need I to Expatiate upon the Calamities that would Follow if the Settlers above and about *Paoqualin*,[1] should be Terrified so as to Abandon their Improvements. these Letters the Secretary will Lay before you. You May assure yourselves that I shall Never Press an Useless Expense upon you; but Good Oeconomy dictates, that we Ought to Advance Freely when the Preservation of the whole is at Stake. I have wrote to His Excellency the Earl of Loudoun to procure a Company to Garrison Our Block Houses, & if his Lordship shall find it Convenient, to Spare them, our own Troops may be Profitably Employed in Scouting Parties.

My Bodily Disorders render it Impracticable for me to Attend your Present Meeting at Burlington, and as you may not Incline to go through More than what is Recommended to you, I Hope my Being here will not Occasion Much Delay. If you find it Convenient there will be a Necessity of Adjourning you to Trenton, which I will do on a Message to that Purpose. I am Thankfull to Heaven that there is an Appearance of my being Able Shortly to meet you at your Usual Places of Sitting. The Good Effects that this Colony

[1] Paaquarry, or Pahaquarry, in Warren county.

has Experienced from that Harmony and good Agreement which has Happily Subsisted between the Branches of the Legislature, will I Hope, Cement you in the Strongest Confidence and Concord for the General Benefit of the Community; and that Each House will Proceed with the Dispatch of what Properly is their Respective Business & Duty Agreeable to the Pressing Necessity.

October: 11th 1757

JOHN READING.

The House Continued till Fryday October 14th 1757

The House Met Present

as Before

The House Continued till Saturday October 15th 1757

The House Met Present

The Honourable James Hude
Andrew Johnston
Thomas Leonard
Samuel Woodruff } Esqrs

The House Continued till Monday October 17th 1757

The House Met Present

As Above

The House Continued till Tuesday October 18th 1757

The House Met Present

As before

The House Continued till Wednesday October 19th 1757

The House Met Present

The Honble James Hude
Andrew Johnston
Thomas Leonard
Samuel Woodruff
} Esq^{rs}

Mr Read and Mr Yard from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House

A Bill Entituled an Act for Making Current Thirty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit for His Majestys Service in the Present war.

Which Bill was Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reding

The House Continued till Thursday October 20th 1757

The House Met Present.

As Before

Mr Woodruff to whom the Bill Entituled an Act for the Tryall of Benjamin Springer now a Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of Essex upon an Accusation of Felony and Murder, was referred: Reported that the Committee had gone thro' the same and had made Several Amendments thereto which he read in his Place and then delivered the Same in at the Table.

He also Reported that the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled an Act for Continuing Several Acts of General Assembly of this Colony which will Expire at the End of this Present Sessions by their own Limitation, was Referred. Had Gone thro the same and Made Several Amendments thereto which he read in his Place and delivered the same in at the Table.

He Also Reported that the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled an Act for Reviving an Act for the Relief of Poor

distressed Prisoners for Debt was Referred Had Gone thro' the Same & made Several Amendments thereto which he Read in his Place and Delivered the Same in at the Table.

Ordered that the Amendments in the said Acts be Read a Second Time.

And the said Amendments to the aforesaid Several Acts being Read a Second time were agreed to by the House and Ordered to be engrossed. The Bill Entituled an Act for the Tryal of Benjamin Springer Now a Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of Essex upon An Accusation of Felony & Murder with the Engrossed Amendments Being Read a third Time

And on the Question

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same with the Amendments

The Bill Entituled an Act for Continuing Several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony which will Expire at the End of the Present Sessions by their Own Limitations with the Engrossed Amendments being read a third time

And on the Question

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same with the Amendments

The Bill Entituled an Act for Reviving an Act for the Relief of Poor distressed Prisoners for Debt with the Engrossed amendments Being Read a third time

And on the Question Put.

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same with the Amendments

Ordered that Mr Woodruff do Carry the said Bills with their Respective Amendments to the House of Assembly and desire the Concurrence of that House to the said Amendments.

The House Continued till 2 oClock P. M.

The House Met.

Present
As Before

Mr Woodruff Reported that he had Obeyed the Order of the House This Morning

The House Continued till Friday Oct: 21st 1757

The House Met Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Thomas Leonard, Saml Woodruff } Esq^rs

Mr Read and Mr Leaming from the House of Assembly Brought up the Bill, Entituled an Act for the Reviving an Act for the Relief of Poor distressed Prisoners for Debt.

And the Bill Entituled an Act for the Tryall of Benj. Springer &^c Also a Bill entituled an Act for Continuing Several Acts of the General Assembly. All Re engrossed with the Councils Amendments thereto All which being Read & Compared

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

The House Continued till 2: P. M.

The House Met

Present
As Before

Mr Read and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House the Bill, Entituled an Act for Providing an Additional Security to the Frontiers of this Colony, also a Bill Entituled an Act for Appropriating a Certain Sum of Money for the Support of the Commander in Chief of this Colony from the Ninth day

of September 1757 till the 21st day of May 1758 and Other Purposes therein Mentioned.

Which Bills were Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading

Mr Secretary Informed the Speaker that it was His Honours Will that the House Adjourn to Trenton to Attend the Passing the Bills.

The House Adjourned Accordingly

Saturday October 22d 1757

The House Met at Trenton

Present·

	James Hude	
The Honble	Andrew Johnston	
	Thomas Leonard	Esqrs
	Samuel Woodruff	
	Richard Saltar	

The Bill Entituled An Act for Providing an Additional Security To the Frontiers &c And

The Bill Entituled an Act for Appropriating a Certain Sum of Money for the Support of the Commander in Chief of this Colony &c Also The Bill Entituled an Act for making Current Thirty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit for his majesty's Service in the Present War—were Read a Second Time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

Mr Woodruff from the Committee to whom the said Bills were Referred Reported the Same without Amendment.

He also reported that nothing but the Necessity of the Supply of the Treasury & the Great diservice it would be to the Common defence of the Colonys as well as the Security of this Colony, to have the Treasury Empty would have Prevailed upon the Committee to Have Acquiesced in Post-

poning the time of Sinking the Bills of Creditt Struck by Virtue of the Forgoing Act

Ordered that the said Bills be Read a third time

Which being done

On the Question

Ordered that the same do Pass

Ordered that Mr Woodruff do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Woodruff reported that he had obeyed the above order

His Honour Came into Council & Having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly; They Attended when His Honour was Pleased to give his assent to the Following Bills,

1st An Act for Making Current Thirty Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit for His Majestys Service during the Present Warr.

2d An Act for Appropriating a Certain Sum of Money for the Support of the Commander in Chief of this Colony from the Ninth day of September One thousand Seven Hundred and fifty Seven till the Twenty first day of May One thousand Seven Hundred and fifty Eight

3d An Act for the Tryal of Benjamin Springer, now a Prisoner in the Gaol of the County of Essex upon an Accusation of Felony and Murder Comitted in the County of Sussex.

4th An Act for the Continuing Several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony which will Expire at the End of the Present Session by their Own Limitation

5th An Act for Providing an Additional Security to the Frontiers of this Colony

6th An Act for Reviving an Act Entituled An Act for the Relief of Poor Distressed Prisoners for Debt.

After which the Speaker in the Name of the House of Assembly Addressed himself to His Honour in the following Words

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I Am Ordered to Inform you that it is a Considerable Pleasure to this House as well as Most of the Inhabitants of this Colony that the Government has in the Course of Providence, devolved upon a Gentleman whose Great Age & Experience Estate and Residence among us and Known good Dispositions must Naturally Preposes us in Favour of your Future Conduct and render it a Matter of Little doubt with us that Love and Esteem will as Naturally follow you in A Publick Capacity; as it has done in Many Private ones; and that there may be no Occasion Hereafter Administred, to interrupt that Harmony with which we Please ourselves the Publick Affairs will be done during your Administration; we Must Intreat your Honour, to Remove to one of the Usual Places of Doing the Publick Business, your Advanced age and Precarious state of Health makes it Absolutely Necessary; And when your Honour Considers the Great disadvantages under which the Publick Business has lately been done; the great Expence it has occasioned and the many Hardships those Concerned in the doing it have been Obliged to Expose themselves to, we Doubt not your Honour will be of Opinion with us that Such a Measure will Greatly facilitate His Majestys Service, and Dispatch the Publick Business, Conformable to His Majesty Instructions and the Established Constitution of the Colony and be Great Ease to all Concerned.

I am also Ordered to Acquaint your Honnour that the House have Resolved to pay for your Honours House Rent in the Usual Manner while your Honnour shall Reside at Burlington or Amboy

Then His Honour was Pleased to Prorogue the General Assembly to Meet at Burlington the 22d Day of November Next

A Journal of the Proceedings of Council for the Colony of New Jersey at a Session of the General Assembly of said Province Begun and held at Burlington on Thursday March 23d 1758

The House Met Present

The Honourable Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Lewis Morris Ashfield } Esqrs

The House Continued till Friday March 24th 1758

The House Met Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Lewis M Ashfield } Esqrs

His Honour Came into Council and having by the Secretary Commanded the Attendance of the House, they attended when his Honnour was Pleased to Make the Following Speech to both Houses

Gentlemen of the Council and of the General Assembly

Having the Honour of His Majestys Commands of the thirtieth day of December Last, Signified to me by the Right Honourable William Pitt Esqr One of His Majestys Principal Secretaries of State, It became my duty to Call you Immediately Together that you might by your Vigour and Dispatch, have the Oppurtunity of Shewing the Most Gratefull Return to his Majesty, for the Tender Concern he Manifests for His Loyal Subjects in this Part of his Dominions So far Removed from His Royal Presence. the Unexampled Expence Great Britain Chearfully Subjects herself to for the Security of these Colonies Demands the utmost Exertion of your force, to co-operate with the Kings Regular

Troops, for the reducing Enemies whose Sole View must Evidently be the Destruction of Your Liberty Property Civil and Religious Rights and Everything that is dear to you. Experience Shews you how destructive all delays are in Military Operations and that Every Year brings on a Load Greater than the former it is therefore Consistent with Prudence and good Oeconomy as well as your Duty to His Majesty by the Most Vigorous Efforts to Second the Kings Pious Intention for the future Security of the Colonies, under Providence the work of One Campaign. His Majesty has been Graciously Pleased in Order to Alleviate the Expence of the Colonies, to furnish the Provincial Troops with Arms Provisions and Camp Equipage and as a Signal Mark of His favour & Confidence to Establish a Rank for the Officers who shall Serve in those Levies, which I have Reason to Hope will Induce Gentlemen of Knowledge, and Influence to Enter into the Service and by their Example Infuse into the People a Love of their Country and a Willingness to Inlist and in the Desposition of the Commissions on this Occasion I assure you Merit shall be my Single View. As a further Inducement to the Colonys to make their Utmost Efforts, His Majesty has been Graciously Pleased to declare that Strong Recommendations shall be laid before the Parliament to grant a proper compensation for the Expence of the Colonies, According as their Active Vigour and Strenous Efforts, shall Respectively Appear to Merit and on this Occasion, His Majesty has thought Proper, not to Limit the Ardour of any of His Colonys but, Justly Expects from Each as Large a Body of men as they are able to Raise on this Critical and Important Occasion Mr Secretary Pitts Letter which demonstrates his Majesty's Care and affection for the Colonies shall be laid before you under the Confidence he is pleased to Express in it.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

As no time or Occasion has ever Happened in the Colonies wherein it became so Necessary to Involve your Country in

Expence I must Recommend it to you in the Most Fervent Manner to act with a Spirit and Resolution becoming a People who Esteem their Liberty of More Value than the Small Part of their Estate Requisite for the Maintenance of all the Men this Colony can Spare. I Have the Favour of a Letter from His Excellency Governour Pownall, informing me that the Colony of the Massachusetts have Voted Seven Thousand Men, and as Lieutenant Governor of this Colony, He Recomends this Extraordinary Service in the Strongest manner I am also favoured with a Letter from the Honourable James Delancy Esq Lieutenant Governor of New York and thereby am Acquainted that the Assembly of that Colony Have Voted Three Thousand Six Hundred and Eighty men, to be Raised for the Service of this Present year, as the Supplies of Money must Constitutionally arrise in Your House, you will Consider that the Raising a Sum inadequate to the Service will Cramp the Operations of this Colony and Loose the Reputation we have Justly Acquired in Preceeding Campaigns.

Gentlemen of the Council and General Assembly

The Secretary shall lay before you a Letter I Have Received from His Excellency General Abercrombie whom His Majesty has been Pleased to appoint Commander in Chief of his Troops in North America in the Room of the Earl of Loudoun, and with the Same Power and Authorities in Which he Recommends the Utmost Application and Dispatch in forming the Levies

I must Entreat you not to Suffer any Jealousy of the Conduct of the Other Colonies, [to] Enter into your Councils, but to Act for yourselves Independantly and detached from Every other Consideration that the Emergent Necessity of Securing to Yourselves and your Posterity the Happiness of Englishmen under the Administration of the best of Kings, who Has always had a Just Regard for the Liberties of His Subjects & has given the Most Evident Proofs that he Esteems his Happiness as Interwoven with that of His People, I must

Strongly Recommend it to you to fall upon the Speediest and Best Methods of Raising the Greatest Body of Troops this Colony can furnish, and in Case the Proposed Numbers should not be Voluntarily Inlisted within a Limited time by the Methods you Shall fall upon, that I Should be by a Law for that Purpose Enabled to Compel them, so that they may be ready in time to assist in the General Attempt of obtaining by force of Arms that Repose and Security, which Past Events Plainly Shew us we can Never by any other Method expect to Enjoy.

Colonel Peter Schuyler is now Here and has Considerable Arrearages & Demands; that Gentlemans Conduct has done Honour to the Colony and Entitles him to its Esteem and his humane Disposition which Extended to all his Captive Countrymen has Endeared him to America; I Shall Propose the Recommendation of his Affairs and those of Captain Shaw, who brought home the Troops who were Captivated by the Indians after the Surrender of Fort William Henry, and of the Troops returned by the way of Europe from Oswego untill you have taken Resolutions Respecting the Forces now to be raised, as that Consideration ought to be Paramount to every Other but doubt not but in the Course of this Session, their Particular Circumstances of which I shall Inform you will meet with due regard from you as well as the future Care of the Frontiers; which by the Blessing of Providence on the Vigilance of Our Troops, have been protected through the Winter; and a Quiet for a long time before unknown to the Upper Inhabitants, happily Preserved.

Burlington March 24th 1758 — JOHN READING

Then the Speaker and House of Assembly returned and His Honour Withdrew.

The House Continued till Saturday March 25th 1758

The House Met Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Lewis M. Ashfield } Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till

Monday March 27th 1758

The House Met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble, Lewis M Ashfield, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Tuesday March 28th 1758

The House Met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble, Lewis M. Ashfield, Saml Woodruff } Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Wednesday March 29th 1758

The House Met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble, Lewis M Ashfield, Saml Woodruff } Esq^{rs}

Mr Johnston and Mr Ogden from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entituled an Act to Supply Colonel Peter Schuyler with the Sum of Six thousand Pounds.

Which Bill was read and Ordered a Second Reading. and

It Appearing that Colonel Schuylers Presence Elsewhere is Immediaeely Necessary for His Majestys Service, And that the money by the said Bill to Supply him is also Immediately wanted, the Question was put whether the Usual forms of reading a Bill at three different Sittings, be Dispensed with upon this Emergency so Necessary for His Majestys Service without drawing the same into Precedent.

And on the Question

Resolved in the Affirmative

Whereupon the said Bill was read a Second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

Mr Woodruff Chairman from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act to Supply Colonel Peter Schuyler &c. reported the same without Amendments

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time. Which being done

And on the Question,

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Woodruff do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Woodruff reported that he had Obeyed the Order of the House

His Honour came into Council and having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly. they Attended when His Honour was Pleased to Give his Assent to the Bill Entituled an Act to Supply Colonel Peter Schuyler with the Sum of Six Thousand Pounds.

The House Continued till Thursday March 30th 1758

The House Met

Present
As Before

The House Continued till Friday March 31st 1758

The House Met

Present

The Hoñble Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble
Lewis M. Ashfield
Samuel Woodruff
} Esq^rs

Mr Nevill and Mr Stevens from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House. A Bill Entituled an Act for Augmenting the Regiment of the Colony of New Jersey to the Number of One Thousand Effective Men, Officers Included and Making Provision for the Same.

Which Bill was read and ordered a second reading

The House Continued till Saturday April 1st 1758

The House Met

Present

As before

The Bill Entituled an Act for Augmenting the Regiment of this Colony of New Jersey to the Number of one thousand Effective Men &c. was read a second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

The House Continued till Monday April 3^d 1758

The House Met Present

The Hoñble Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble
Richard Saltar
Lewis M. Ashfield
Sam^ll Woodruff
} Esq^rs

Mr Kemble Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act for Augmenting the Regiment of this Colony of New Jersey to the Number of One

Thousand Effective men Officers Included and making Provision for the same reported the same without Amendment

He also Reported that nothing but the Immediate Complying with his Majestys Order, Signified by the Secretary of States Letter, & the Inability of the Province to Comply with them in any Other way that would so Effectually answer the End, would have Prevailed upon the Committee to have Acquiessed in postponing the time of sinking the Bills of Credit, Struck by Virtue of the aforesaid Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be Read a third time Which Being done

And on the Question

Resolved that the Same do Pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Kemble do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Ashfield who dissented to the Bill Entituled an Act for augmenting the Regiment &c. Prays Leave to Enter the Reasons of his Dissent which are as follow

1st For that he thinks the Number of a Thousand, Not a Sufficient Proportion of the whole Number demanded from the Northern Colonies, but that the Regiment should have been Augmented to a number at Least Equal to what was allowed to be the proportion of this Colony at the Congress held at Albany, By the Commissioners from Several of the Colonys in 1754.

2^d That the Appointing Commissioners, Paymaster &^c By the said Bill is as he Conceives an Incroachment upon the Royal Prerogative, His Majesty by His Representative in this Colony, having the Sole and Undoubted right of Appointing all Officers.

3^d That the Moneys appointed to be paid by the said Bill is to be upon Receipts from the Commissioners &^c when all Publick Moneys ought to be paid out of the Treasury upon Warrants Signed by the Commander in Chief in Council Only.

4thly That the Commissioners &c are Accountable for Y^e Moneys Laid out by them to the General Assembly, the Clauses relating to which are so worded As Shew Plainly that by the words *General Assembly* is meant the House of Representatives; when all Publick Moneys ought to be accounted for to the whole Legislative Body.

5thly For that tho' the Safety of the Colonies in General, and this in Particular may in the Present Scituation of Affairs, require an Emission of Paper Money; Yet he Conceives it does not by any Means require the Putting off the time for sinking the said paper Bills, so long as is done in the said Bill more Especially as the whole Credit of a Paper Currency depends upon its Sinking, which by being put off to a long day will he Conceives greatly Contribute to Lessen it's Value for which reasons and many Others he Conceives he Cannot in duty Consent to the Passing the said Bill.

LEWIS M. ASHFIELD

The House Continued till Tuesday April 4th 1758

The House Met

Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Lewis M Ashfield, Richard Saltar } Esq^rs

Mr Kemble Reported that he had Obeyed the Order of the House of Yesterday

His Honour applied to the Council, to advise him whether they think he may Venture to give his assent to the Bill for augmenting the Regiment &c. Considering His Majestys Royal Instructions and the Necessity there is at this time for the Colonies to Exert themselves.

Upon which the Council Concur that the same Reasons still subsist upon which they advised His late Excellency to Pass a Bill of the same Nature as appears by the Minutes of

Aprill 22d 1755 and as the Complying with His Majesty's Orders, Signified by Mr Secretary Pitts Letter, is Absolutely Necessary for the Safety of the Colony and no more Effectual Method can be Thought of at Present to Answer the Ends proposed. They do advise him to Assent to it more Especially as the not doing it will at Present Greatly Obstruct His Majestys Service, As it is well Known that it is Highly Improbable if not Almost Impossible to bring the Assembly into a Compliance with the Orders in Mr Pitts Letter by any Other Method.

His Honour Came into Council & having by the D: Secrty required the Attendance of the House of Assembly they attended.

When His Honour was Pleased to give his Assent to the Bill Entituled an Act for Augmenting the Regiment of this Colony of New Jersey to the Number of One thousand Effective men officers Included & making Provision for the same.

The House Continued till

Wednesday April 5th 1758.

The House Met

Present

The Hoñble Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Lewis M Ashfield } Esqrs

The House Continued till

Thursday April 6th 1758

The House Met Present

The Hoñble Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Lewis M. Ashfield } Esqrs

The House Continued till

Friday April 7th 1758

The House Met

Present

The Hoñble Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble } Esqrs
L M Ashfield

Mr Wetherill and Mr Middagh from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act for Altering one Part of a Six rods Road which Leads from Perth Amboy Ferry to Burlington

Which was Read and ordered a Second reading.

The House Continued till 2 o'clock P. M.

The House Met Present

The Hoñble Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble } Esqrs
Richard Saltar

The Bill Entituled an Act for altering one Part of a Six rods Road which leads from Perth Amboy Ferry to Burlington, was read the Second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

The House Continued till

Saturday April 8th 1758

Present

The Hoñble Andrew Johnston
Richard Saltar } Esqrs
L M Ashfield

Mr Nevill and Mr Read from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled

an Act for Building of Barracks within this Colony and for Preventing Spirituous Liquors being Sold to Common Soldiers without leave from authority and for other Purposes therein Mentioned.

Which Bill was read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till

Monday April 10th 1758

The House Met Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston
Richard Saltar } Esqrs
Lewis M Ashfield

The House Continued till

Tuesday April 11th 1758

Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston
Richard Saltar } Esqrs
L M Ashfield

Mr Ashfield Chairman of the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled an Act for Altering one Part of a Six rods Road which Leads from Perth Amboy Ferry to Burlington reported the Same without Amendment.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time. Which being done

On the Question

Resolved that the same do Pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do acquaint the House of Assembly Therewith

The House Continued till 2 P. M.

Present
As before

The Bill Entituled an Act for Building of Barracks within this Colony & for Preventing Spirituous Liquors being sold to Common Soldiers without Leave from Authority & for other Purposes therein Mentioned; was read the Second time & Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

The House Continued till

Wednesday April 12th 1758

The House Met Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Lewis M Ashfield, Samuel Woodruff } Esqrs

Mr Ashfield reported that he had Obeyed the Order of the House of Yesterday.

A Message from the House of Assembly in the following Words

Ordered

That Mr Nevill Mr Leaming Mr Yard Mr Clement and Mr Stokes be a Committee to Join a Committee of the Council to Inspect the Western Treasurers Accts and Burn the Cancelled Money in his hands & make report to the House & that Mr Stevens and Mr Ladd do inform the Council thereof and desire the Council to appoint a Committee for that purpose and time and Place of Meeting

The House Continued till Thursday April 13th 1758

The House Met Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Richard Saltar, Lewis M. Ashfield, Samuel Woodruff } Esqrs

Mr Ashfield Chairman of the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act for Building of Barracks within this Colony & for Preventing Spirituous Liquors being sold to Common Soldiers without Leave from Authority and for other Purposes therein Mentioned: Reported the same without Amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be Read the third time—which being done

On the Question

Resolved that the same do Pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Ordered

That Mr Kemble Mr Saltar and Mr Woodruff be a Comittee to Join ye Committee of the House of Assembly to Inspect the Western Treasurer's accts and Burn the Cancelled Money in his hands & make Report thereof to this House and that the Committee's meet for that Purpose to Morrow Afternoon at 4 o clock at the Treasurers House; and that Mr Ashfield do acquaint the House of Assembly thereof.

The House Continued till Friday April 14th 1758

The House Met Present

The Honble Richard Saltar
Lewis M Ashfield } Esqrs
Samll Woodruff

Mr Smith and Mr Ogden from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act for rendering the office of recording of Deeds & other Conveyances more Expensive and Beneficial to the Inhabitants of this Colony and for recording Mortgages

Which Bill was read and Ordered to Lay on the Table.

The House Continued till Saturday April 15th 1758

The House Met

Present

The Hon̄ble Richard Saltar
Lewis Morris Ashfield } Esq^{rs}
Samuel Woodruff

His Honour Came into Council and having by the Secretary required the attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker with the House Attended

When His Honour was pleased to Give his Assent to the Bill Entituled an Act for Building of Barracks within this Colony and for preventing Spirituous Liquors Being Sold to Common Soldiers without Leave from Proper Authority and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

The House Continued till Monday April 17th 1758

The House Met

Present

The Hon̄ble John Reading Esqr President

Richard Saltar
Lewis Morris Ashfield } Esq^{rs}
Saml Woodruff

His Honour Having by the Secretary informed the House of Assembly that he was in the Council Chamber ready to receive their Address.

The Speaker with the House attended and Delivered the following Address

To the Honourable John Reading Esqr President of His Majesty's Council and Commander in Chief of the Colony of New Jersey

The Humble address of the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey in General Assembly Convened

We the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey in General Assembly Convened, Gratefully Sensible of his Majesty's Paternal Care over his Dominions in North America, think ourselves bound in Duty to Observe, that we Esteeem the Instance of it Communicated in Secretary Pitts Letter, a Proof thereof that Carries with it Evident Marks of Wisdom in the Planning and Every Promising method in the Execution, that a free People Would Naturally Expect from an Administration so deservedly Famed.

The Exacting Obedience from any Determinate Proposal from a People Willing and desirous to do their Utmost in a Cause that so Intimately Concerns them would in our opinion not Answer the design and would Essentially Vary from that Constitutional Method which has heretofore for many Generations Honourably Distinguished the English name

Exited by Duty to His Majesty the Preservation of our Country and the Constitutional Method in which we are Called upon to give our Assistance to the Common Cause, and in Confidence of His Majestys Gracious Assurances, we have now Augmented our Regiment to double the Usual Number; and tho this will be attended with an Extream heavy Expence to a Young Country, already Greatly in debt as well through the Effect of Former Expeditions and Miscarriages, & the Loss of Our Regiment in Two Successive Campaigns, as for the Purchase and Improvements of our Lands; We have the Satisfaction to Say we have done our Endeavour with Dispatch and Alacrity And when to these Considerations are added the Smallness of our Trade and Our Number of Inhabitants their Scattering Situation and Distance from Marketts, the Expence of our Frontiers, and Winter Quartering the Kings Forces, the Numbers of Inhabitants that are already enlisted among the Regulars, and others that are gone a Privateering, the Large Assistance other Provinces have had both in Money and Arms, in the last of which we have had no Assistance; Your Honour will Permit us to Say, we Cannot help being Surprised at Some Unneighbourly Misrepresentations to the Kings Generals

respecting our Abilities and Numbers that such must be the Case we think can want no further Evidence than the repeated fault which has been found with our Measures, tho' upon a fair and Just Estimate, we doubt not, that we shall be found to have done all that we Ever Gave Expectation of doing; and upon the Whole have Assisted at least Proportionably with our Neighbours, and now are Conscious that we have Acted up to His Majestys Expectations not doubting but this will Very Clearly Appear, to any that will Examine Particularly into our Circumstances. Before we have done with the Subject of our Regiment we Cannot Help remarking that we should have Esteemed both a Provincial favour and an Act of Humanity, if the Late General of the Kings forces had been Kind Enough to have used his Endeavors for the release of Colonel Schuyler That Gentlemans Attachment to His Majesty and Exertion of his Abilities in the Common Cause, we think deserved this Favour, and the Granting it could have had no Ill Effect that we Know of

With regard to the Horses mentioned by Sir John St Clair, we doubt not but they may be had readily at the Places he wants them, upon their being paid for as they are on the like occasions in England

The Other Matters Mentioned in Several of your Honour Messages we believe are Such as need not now have a Particular Answer

By Order of the House
ROBERT LAWRENCE Speaker

His Honnour came into Council & having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker with the House Attended when his Honnour was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills

I An Act for Supplying Col: Peter Schuyler with the sum of Six thousand Pounds

II An Act for Augmenting the Regiment of this Colony of New Jersey to the Number of One thousand Men, Officers Included & making Provision for the same

III An Act for Building of Barracks within this Colony and preventing Spirituous Liquors being sold to Common Soldiers without leave from Proper Authority and other purposes therein mentioned

Then the House of General Assembly Adjourned to the first day of May Next then to meet at Burlington.

The forgoing is a True Copy from the Original Minutes

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At a Council held at Burlington on Monday the 3d Day of April Anno Dom̃. 1758

Present

The Honble John Reading Esqr President & Commander in Chief

Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble
Richard Saltar
Samuel Woodruff
} Esqrs

His Honour Laid before the Board a Letter he had Received from His Excellency General Abercrombie Commander in Chief of His Majesty's Forces in North America Concerning the Impressing Provisions &c and Desired Their Advice Thereon

This Board Advise that his Honour Immediately write an Answer to General Abercrombie acquainting him that he has already given Orders to the several Collectors of this Province not to Clear out any Vessells Which will Answer all the Ends Proposed by his Letter as to the Stopping of Provisions, and that he will Recommend it to the House of Assembly who are now Sitting, in Order for them to do what is further Necessary therein

At a Council held at Burlington the 18th day of April 1758

Present

The Honble John Reading Esq President &c

Richard Saltar
L Morris Ashfield } Esq^rs
Sam^ll Woodruff

His Honour by Advice of Council Signed the following Warrants

		£	sh	d
N° 26	To Himself for One Quarters Salary as Commander in Chief of This Colony due the 21st of February last.....	125	—	—
N° 27	To the Honble Robert Hunter Morris Esqr for a Quarters Salary as Chief Justice due the 21st February Last...	25	—	—
N 28	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony due 21st Feby last.....	6	5	—
N 29	To Richard Saltar Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as third Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony due 21st Feby Last.....	6	5	—
N 30	To Andrew Johnston Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as One of the Treasurers of this Colony due 21st Feby Last.....	10	—	—
N 31	To Samuel Smith Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Colony due the 21st of Feby last.....	10	—	—
N 32	To Courtland Skinner Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as Att^y General of this Colony due the 21st day of Feby last.....	7	10	—

N 33	To Charles Read Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council of this Colony due the 21st day of February Last.....	7 „	10 „	—
N 34	To John Smyth Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony due the 21st of February Last.....	5 „	— „	—
N 35	To Anthony Elton or his Order for a Quarters Salary as Door keeper to the Council of this Colony due the 21st day of February Last.....	2 „	10 „	—
N 36	To Richard Saltar Esqr or Order for 47 Days Attendance in Council at the Sitting of the General Assembly of this Colony to this day.....	14 „	2 „	—
N 37	To Samuel Woodruff Esqr or Order for 73 days Attendance in Council at this and 2 Other Sittings of the General Assembly of this Colony to this day,	21 „	18 „	—
N 38	To Lewis Morris Ashfield Esqr or Order for 48 Days attendance in Council at this and Another Sitting of the General Assembly to this day.....	14 „	8 „	—
N 39	To Hugh Hartshorne Esqr or Order for 39 Days Attendance as Clerk of the House of Representatives at this and another Sitting of the Assembly and for Copying the Laws and Votes for the Printer During the Said Sessions,	26 „	15 „	2
N 40	To Aaron Leaming and Jacob Spicer Esq^{rs} or Order—For Hundred and Seventy Volums of the Original Constitution of New Jersey Delivered to the Treasurer as P^{r} his Certificate.....	327 „	5 „	—

N° 41	To John Saunders Serg^t at Arms to the Council for 39 Days Attendance in full to this day.....	5 „ 17 „ —
N° 42	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court of New Jersey for Holding a Special Court of Oyer and Terminer and General Gaol Delivery on the first Tuesday in December Last in the County of Essex.....	10 „ — „ —
N° 43	To Joseph Hollinshead or Order for Providing a Room and firewood for the Council Five Weeks During this and another Sessions of the General Assembly in October Last.....	3 „ 15 „ —

At a Council Held at Trenton on Monday the 22^d Day of May 1758

Present

The Honourable John Reading Esqr President

Richard Saltar
Lewis Morris Ashfield } Esq^rs
David Ogden

His Honour by Advice of Council Signed the following Warrants

N 44	To Himself or Order for a Quarters Salary as Commander in Chief of this Colony due the 21st Instant.....	125 „ — „ —
N 45	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court of this Colony due the 21st Instant.....	6 „ 5 „ —
N 46	To Richard Saltar Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as third Judge of the	

	Supreme Court of this Colony &c due the 21st Instant.....	6 „ 5 „ —
N° 47	To Andrew Johnston Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Colony due the 21st Instant.....	10 „ — „ —
N 48	To Samuel Smith Esq or Order for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Colony due the 21st Instant.....	10 „ — „ —
N° 49	To Courtland Skinner Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as Attorney Generall of this Colony due the 21st Instant...	7 „ 10 „ —
N° 50	To Charles Read Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council of this Colony due the 21st Instant.....	7 „ 10 „ —
N 51	To John Smyth Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as Clk of the Circuits of this Colony due the 21st Instant...	5 „ — „ —
N 52	To Anthony Elton or Order for a Quarters Salary as Door keeper to the Council of this Colony Due the 21st Instant.....	£2 „ 10 „ —
N 53	To William Aynsley Esqr Chief Justice of the Province of New Jersey for Holding of Four Courts of Oyer & Terminer and General Goal Delivery in the following Counties Vizt In the County of Cumberland on the 21st day of April Last In the County of Salem on the 25th day of the same Month In the County of Hunterdon on the 2d Instant And for the County of Gloucester on the 16th day of this Instant.....	£40 „ — „ —

N 54 To Thomas Wetherill or Order Serjeant at Arms to the House of Representatives of this Colony for 39 Days attendance at the Two Las Sessions Held at Burlington..... £5 „ 17 „ —

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on [Friday] the 16th Day of June 1758

Present

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr Governor &c[1]

The Honble Edward Antill	David Ogden		Esqrs
James Hude	Richard Saltar		of His
Andrew Johnston	Samuel Woodruff		Majestys
Lewis M Ashfield			Council

His Majestys Royal Letters Patent under the Great Seal of Great Britain Dated the Twenty fifth day of February Last. Appointing His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief of this Colony having been Openly Read and Published.

His Excellency Took the Oaths and Made and Subscribed the Declarations appointed by Law, and the Oath Required by the Statute of the 7th & 8th of King William the third and also an Oath for the Due and Impartial Administration of Justice.

Then the Councillors present took the Oaths and Subscribed the Declaration appointed by Law and also an Oath for the Due Execution of their Trusts

His Excellency then desired the Advice of Council as to the most Proper time to Call the General Assembly

And the Board Unanimously Advised His Excellency to Delay the Calling them untill Tuesday the Twenty fifth day of July Next on Account of the Harvest; unless some

[1] Governor Bernard arrived in New Jersey on June 14th, 1758, and issued orders for a meeting of the Council on the following Friday.—*N. J. Archives, IX., 116.*

Immediate Danger Should Occasion a Necessity of their Meeting Sooner and That a Summons do Issue Accordingly.

His Excellency by Advice of Council Issued the following

PROCLAMATION.

Whereas His Most Sacred Majesty George the Second By the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &c. By His Royal Letters Patent Bearing Date the Twenty fifth day of February Last has been Pleased to Appoint me Captain General and Governor in Chief of this His Majestys Province of New Jersey. I Have Therefore thought fit for His Majestys Service to give this Publick Notice thereof and by and With the Advice and Consent of His Majestys Council to Issue this Proclamation Hereby Authorising and Empowering all Officers Civil and Military to continue in their Respective Offices and Employments till Further Order, Whereof all His Majestys Subjects are required to take Notice and Govern themselves Accordingly

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms in Council at Perth Amboy the Sixteenth Day of June in the Thirty first Year of His Majestys Reign and in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty Eight

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His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter he had Received from John Reading Esqr the Late President of His Majestys Council of this Colony Representing the Distresses of the Frontiers of this Colony and Advising His Excellency

that he had a few days Since Ordered a Detachment of One Hundred Men to their Relief from the Upper Regiment of Hunterdon Somersett & Morris, and he Desired the Advice of the Council as to what might be further Necessary on this Occasion

The Board advise His Excellency to Issue his Orders for a further Detachment of Fifty Men from the same Regiments to be Subject to the Comand of the Commanding Officer on the Frontiers untill they are Relieved by another Detachment of One Hundred and fifty Men to be taken from the Regiments of Middlesex Essex Bergen and the Lower Regiment of Hunterdon in the following Proportions.

Middlesex.....	40 Men with a Captain and Subaltern
Essex.....	40.....with a Captain and Subaltern
Bergen.....	35.....with a Lieutenant and Ensign
Lower Regiment of Hunt^{dn}.....	35.....with a Captain & Lieutenant

That the Detachment now at the Frontiers should Remain there untill they were Relieved which Should be befor the 20th Day of July unless Some unavoidable Accident Prevent

The foregoing is a true Copy from the Original Minutes Examined ꝑ^{r}

CHA READ Sec^{ry}

A Journal of the Proceedings of His Majesty's Council at a Sessions of the General Assembly held by Adjournment at Burlington on

Tuesday July 25th 1758

The House Mett

Present

	James Hude	Esq^{rs} of His Majestys Council
	Andrew Johnston	
The Honoble	Peter Kemble	
	Richard Saltar	

The House Continued till Wednesday July 26th 1758

The House Mett Present
as above

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly. The Speaker and House attended when His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

Having received his Majesty's Commands to Serve him in this high Office; I reflect with great Pleasure that I am to preside over a Province that has given repeated Proofs of its Loyalty to the King and Affection to his Person and Government; and Promise myself that whilst I am Endeavouring to follow the Example of my great Master by making the wellfare of his Subjects the Sole Object of my care, I shall receive from you all the Assistance which a gratefull People can give to the Government of the best of Kings.

The Excellence of the English Constitution consists in a due Ballance of its several Powers: For my Part I cannot more certainly recommend myself to my Royal Master by preserving the rights and Priviledges of the People, nor can you more effectually Serve the People than by Supporting the Power and Authority of the Crown.

Under such an union established in and directed by the Known Laws of our Country, I hope we shall be able to support and defend this Province in time of danger and to Cultivate and Adorn it when it shall please God to grant us Peace.

Upon my Arrival here I found the Frontiers of the Province infested with Indians; As the President had before ordered some detachments of Militia to reinforce the frontier Guard, I with the advice of you Gentlemen of the Council Ordered a further Reinforcement; but with a Very Sparing

Hand being apprised of the Inconvenience it must be to the Country to order men from their business at that time of the year, I have since relieved those that were first Ordered by fresh detachments from other Regiments that I might make this necessary Service as little Burthensome to particulars as possible.

As Soon as I had taken care of this necessary Business I went to Philadelphia at the desire of General Forbes and the Lieutenant Governor of that Province, to confer with them concerning the best means of Putting a Stop to these Irruptions and Preventing them for the future; With their advice and the Approbation of all the Principal Persons of this Province that I had an Oppurtunity of consulting, I sent a Message[1] to the Minisink and Pompton Indians, which Message Together with their Answer shall be laid before you

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

I Recommend to you to provide for the Expences already incurred in the Several Businesses which I have before mentioned and that in Estimating the Compensation to be made to those of the Militia who have served in the room of the Established Forces; you will have regard to the time of year in which they were obliged to march. But I am Especially bound most Earnestly to desire that you would Effectually provide for the defence of the frontiers for the future; Many of the Enemies you have to deal with are not known, or if Known at a great distance from you and if we can depend upon those with whom we Cultivate Peace there will yet remain many whose savage natures no acts of Friendship or Benevolence can civilize or reclaim; you must therefore at all Events and at all times Consider your Frontier to be in a State of War, and as it is the Singular happiness of this Province that it is able to form an Impassable barrier against the Common Enemy Neglect not this Advantage, but establish Peace and Security on your Borders, and you will by the encrease of the Strenth and wealth of the Province; which

[1] See N. J. Archives, IX., 125.

will Necessarily follow be amply repaid for the charge of defending it

Gentlemen of the Council & Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

I came among you with a Heart entirely devoted to the Service of this Country the care of which must now become my sole Business: And I trust my Assiduity and Integrity will most properly recommend me to your good Opinion, untill they are better Known to you than they can be at present. I must desire you to give me Credit for that Confidence which will be Necessary to Enable me to exert myself to the best purposes of your Service; And may the great God on Whom we must all depend for Success in our Undertakings so direct our Councils that they may be most Conducive to that Supreme of all Laws the Publick Safety.

Burlington FRA: BERNARD
Council Chamber
July 26th 1758

Then the Speaker and House of Assembly returned & His Excellency withdrew.

Mr Hude acquainted the House that he had procured a Copy of His Excellency's Speech which was read

Resolved that an Humble Address be prepared in Answer thereto.

Ordered that Mr Kemble Mr Johnston and Mr Saltar or any two of them be a Committee to prepare a Draught of the same and report it to this House.

The House Continued till 3 of the Clock P. M.

The House Met Present

The Honoble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar } Esqrs

The House Continued Thursday July 27 : 1758

The House Met Present
as above

Mr Johnston from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draft of an Address to His Excellency, Reported that the Committee had prepared an Address accordingly which was read and Approved of and Ordered to be Engrossed

The Engrossed Address being read and Signed by the Speaker

Ordered that Mr Kemble and Mr Saltar do wait upon His Excellency and acquaint him that the House is ready to attend him with their Address when His Excellency will be at Leisure to receive the Same

Mr Kemble and Mr Saltar returned and reported that his Excellency was pleased to say that he would be ready to receive it in a Quarter of an hour in the Council Chamber

Then the Council presented their Address to His Excellency in the following words

May it Please your Excellency

We heartily Congratulate your Excellency on the safe Arrival of your self and Family into this Colony and thank you for your favourable Speech to both Houses delivered Yestesday and for the Justice your Excellency is pleased to do the Province in the Honourable mention you make of them therein.

Your endeavours of Imitating the Royal Conduct in Keeping up the Just Balance between the Prerogative of the Crown & Rights of the People will ever demand all the Assistance it is in our Power to afford to the Supporting & maintaining that Equilibrium so Essential to Ease and Happiness of the Government and the People

We heartily join in Opinion with your Excellency that altho Peace with the Indians should be Cultivated Yet as their Nations are numerous and Independant of each Other,

and as our Enemies the French are possessed of fortified Posts in their Country they will be able to prevail on a Number to continue Hostilities Sufficient to Keep our Frontiers in Continual Alarms and uneasiness and thereby prevent the Increase of Inhabitants there if not depopulate them unless Provision is made for their Security: The Legislature of this Province truly sensible of the Importance of that Post, have chearfully granted great Supplies for its defence and we make not the least doubt but the same Will be duly considered in this Session

Your Excellencys Vigilance and care of the Frontiers on your first Arrival and the tenderness you are pleased to express for those who in obedience to your Necessary Orders have Marched for their protection and Defence, your Assiduity and Application to the publick concerns, We esteem happy Presages of what the province may expect under your continued Administration and Justly Entitle you to that Credit and Confidence you are pleased to desire.

As the Affairs of Government must engross your Excellencys time and whole Attention which might Otherwise be profitably Employed we doubt not but that the same will be considered in the course of this Session and we Assure you that we shall Chearfully Assent to a provision for your Excellency Suitable to the dignity of that Station in which His Majesty has been pleased to place you.

Council Chamber } By Order of the House
July 27th 1758 } JA HUDE Speaker

To which Address His Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer

Gentlemen

I am much obliged to you for this Instance of your Duty to His Majesty and your favourable Sentiments of me. It gives me great Pleasure to think that in the arduous Affairs of Government, I shall be Assisted with the Advice of Men of your Knowledge and Integrity; and I shall Endeavour to

deserve the good opinion you have Concieved of me by making the Wellfare of this Province the Chief Object of my Care

FRA: BERNARD

The Secretary by His Excellencys Order informed the House of Assembly that he was in the Council Chamber ready to receive their Address.

The Speaker and House of Assembly Attended and delivered an Address to His Excellency in the following Words.

May it Please your Excellency

We His Majestys dutiful and Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey in General Assembly convened: beg Leave to Congratulate your Excellency on your Safe Arrival with your Lady and Family and in the Name of the Inhabitants of this Province to give the whole a hearty Welcome.

Among many recent proofs of Parental Regard, which the Provinces of North America have received from His Majesty the Appointment of your Excellency to be Our Governor in this time of common Difficulty, is a part which very much pleases such among us as have had an Oppurtunity of your Acquaintance.

Were your Excellencys Personal Qualifications unknown and you a Stranger, Yet your appointment to that honourable Station, Since the Late glorious Revival of British Wisdom and Spirit, would have been an Effectual recommendation to our Confidence, a part wherein we can very readily Credit your Excellency; but at the same time must beg a Mutual return and hope for the Continuance of your favourable Sentiments.

As the little time you have spent among us has given us an Oppurtunity to form Rational Prepossessions in your Excellencys Favour; permit us to say that as far as those may be allowed the Test of Futurity the united Calls of

Gratitude and Duty oblige us on this Occasion to every respectfull acknowledgement that a free People can pay to a Gracious Sovereign. As Such we shall take the several Matters recommended by your Excellency into Immediate consideration and do therein as we shall Apprehend may most conduce to that Supreme of all Laws the Publick Safety.

July 27th 1758 By Order of the House

ROBERT LAWRENCE Speaker

To Which address His Excellency was pleased to make the followin Answer

Gentlemen

I Heartily thank you for this kind and Affectionate Address; wherein you give such Earnest Expressions of your Duty and Gratitude to His Majesty, and your favourable opinion of me his Servant. From these happy Auspices I promise myself, that a firm and lasting Harmony will be established among us, that will be a production of the best Consequences to the Common Weal of this Province

FRA: BERNARD

The House Continued till 2 P M

The House met Present

The Honoble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, L M Ashfield — Esqrs

A Message from the House of Assembly in the following Words.

Ordered that Mr Nevill Mr Hancock Mr Yard Mr Clement & Mr Stokes or any three of them be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to Inspect the Western Treasurers

accompts and burn the Cancelled money in his hands and Make report to the House. And that Mr Vrelandt & Mr Middagh do inform the Council thereof and desire the Council to appoint a Committee for that purpose and time & place of meeting.

The House Continued till Friday July 28th 1758

The House Met Present

The Honoble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, Lewis M Ashfield Esqrs

Ordered that Mr Kemble Mr Saltar and Mr Ashfield or any two of them be a Committee to Join a Committee of the House of Assembly to Inspect the Western Treasurers accompts and Burn the Cancelled Money in his hands and make report thereof to this House and that the Committee for that purpose do meet this afternoon at 4 of the clock at the Treasurers House and that Mr Ashfield do Acquaint the House of Assembly thereof.

Mr Ashfield reported that he had delivered the above Order to the Speaker, the House not Sitting.

The House Continued till Saturday July 29th 1758

The House Met Present
as before

The House continued till Monday July 31st 1758

The House Met Present

The Honoble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff Esqrs

The House Continued till Tuesday August 1st 1758.

The House Met Present
as before

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Nevill & Mr Ladd as follows

Ordered that Mr Nevill and Mr Ladd do Carry the Bill Entituled an Act for the Settlement and relief of the Poor to the Council for their Concurrence

Which Bill was read the first time and Ordered a Second reading.

The House Continued till Wednesday Augt 2d 1758

The House Met Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff Esqrs

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Settlement and relief of the Poor was read the Second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

The House Continued till Thursday Augt 3d 1758

The Housed mett

Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, David Ogden Esqrs of his Majestys Council

Mr Ogden from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act for the Settlement & relief of the Poor reported that the Committee had gone through the same and made Several Amendments which he Read in his place and delivered the same in at the Table.

Ordered that the Bill with the Amendments be read a third time.

The House Continued till Friday August 4th 1758

The House Met Present
as above

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Settlement and relief of the Poor with the Amendments thereto being read a third time

And on the Question whether the said Bill as Amended do pass, or not.

It was carried in the Affirmative

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Ogden do Carry the Bill Entituled an Act for the Settlement and relief of the poor with the Engrossed Amendments to the House of Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto

Mr. Ogden reported that he had Obeyed the above order

The House continued till Saturday Augt 5th 1758

The House Met Present

James Hude	Richard Saltar	Esqrs
The Honble Andrew Johnston		
Peter Kemble	Lewis Morris Ashfield	

The House Continued till Monday Augt 7th 1758

The House Met Present

	James Hude	
	Andrew Johnston	
The Honble	Peter Kemble	Esq^{rs}
	Richard Saltar	
	L M Ashfield	
	Samuel Woodruff	

The House Continued till Tuesday Augt 8 1758

The House Met

Present

	James Hude	
	Andrew Johnston	
The Honble	Peter Kemble	Esq^{rs}
	Richard Saltar	
	L M Ashfield	
	Samuel Woodruff	

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Stevens & Mr Hancock as follows.

Ordered that Mr Stevens and Mr Hancock do Carry to the Council the Bill reingrossed with the Councils Amendments Entituled an Act for the Settlement and relief of the Poor and acquaint them this House doth agree to the same. And also Carry the Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of Government of His Majestys Colony of New Jersey &^{c} and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of Government of His Majestys Colony of New Jersey, To Commence the Twenty first day of May one thousand seven hundred and fifty Eight and to End the Twenty first day of May one thousand seven Hundred fifty Nine and to Discharge the Publick Debts and Contingent Charges thereof and for

Settling the Quotas in the Respective Counties and Levying of a Provincial Tax was Read the first Time and Ordered a Second reading.

The House Continued till 3 o'clock P. M.

The House Mett Present
as before

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of Government of His Majestys Colony of New Jersey &c was read a Second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

The House Continued till Wednesday Augt 9th 1758

The House Met Present

The Honble James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Richard Saltar, L. M. Ashfield, Saml Woodruff — Esq^{rs}

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of Government of His Majestys Colony of New Jersey &c reported the same without Amendment.

The House Continued till 2 o Clock P. M.

Present
as Before

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of Government &c was read the third time.

And on the Question

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Ashfield repo rted that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The House Continued till Thursday Augt 10th 1758

The House Mett Present

	James Hude	
	Peter Kemble	
The Honble	Richard Saltar	Esqrs
	L M Ashfield	
	Saml Woodruff	

A Message from the House of Assembly as follows Ordered that Mr Hancock and Mr Stokes do carry the Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners and possessors of some Meadows Marshes and Cripples in Mannington in the County of Salem to Keep the Tide from Overflowing the same to the Council for their Concurrence.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners of some Meadows &c was read the first time & Ordered a second reading.

The reingrossed Bill Entituled an Act for the Settlement and relief of the Poor being read and Compared.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

The House Continued till 2 O Clock P. M.

The House Mett Present as before

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of Some Meadow Marshes & Cripples in Mannington in the County of Salem &c was read the Second time and on the Question whether the said Bill be Committed or not, It was carried in the Negative.

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time

And on the Question

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Woodruff do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Woodruff reported that he had Obeyed the Order of the House

A Message from the House of Assembly in the following Words.

The Bill Entituled an Act for altering one part of a Six rods Road which leads from Perth Amboy Ferry to Burlington passed the last Session by the Council and Assembly was now read and the Stile Changed from the President to the Governor agreed to and Mr Wetherill and Mr Stevens are Ordered to Carry it back to the Council

The House Continued till Friday Augt 11 : 1758

The House Mett Present

	James Hude	
	Peter Kemble	
The Honoble	Richard Saltar	Esq^{rs}
	Lewis M Ashfield	
	Samuel Woodruff	

The Bill Entituled an Act for altering one part of a Six rods Road which leads from Perth Amboy Ferry to Burlington passed the last Sitting by the Council and Assembly being read with the alteration of the stile from the President to the Governor was agreed to by this House

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same

A message from the House of Assembly in the following Words

Ordered that Mr Yard and Mr Vrelandt do carry the Bill Entituled an Act for the further defence of the frontiers of

the Colony of New Jersey to the Council for their Concurrence

Which was read and Ordered a Second reading

The House Continued till 2 P. M.

The House Mett Present as before

The Bill Entituled an Act for the further defence of the Frontiers of the Colony of New Jersey &c was read a Second time

And on the Question whether the said Bill be committed or not, it was Carried in the Negative.

And on the Question whether the said Bill be read a third time it was Carried in the Affirmative

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time to morrow Morning.

The House Continued till Saturday August 12: 1758

Present

	James Hude	
	Peter Kemble	
The Honoble	Richard Saltar	Esqrs
	L M Ashfield	
	Samuel Woodruff	

The Bill Entituled an Act for the further defence of the Frontiers &c was read a third time. And on the Question whether the same do pass

It is the unanimous opinion of the Board that it should pass. as the present Calamitous state of the Frontiers requires an immediate relief and there is no fund already Provided for that Purpose and the Circumstances of the Colony renders it Impracticable to raise in time a Sufficient Sum of money any other way to answer the ends proposed and from the repeated Conduct of the House of Representatives this Board is well Assured that any alteration or Amendment offered by the

Council to the said Bill will probably be a means of leaving the Frontiers unguarded and Consequently the Province in a defenceless State open to the depredations of a Cruel and merciless Enemy, they look upon it as dangerous to His Majestys Service and the Safety of the Colony to be against the said Bill at present. tho' the Objections are Strong and Numerous and the same that have heretofore been made to Bills passed for raising Money &c. against which the dissent of several of the Members of this Board appears in the Minutes of this House.

Therefore Resolved that the said Bill do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same

Ordered that Mr Woodruff do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith:

A Message from the House of Assembly as follows

Ordered that Mr Stevens and Mr Spicer do carry the Bill Entituled an Act to Empower Certain Persons to purchase the claims of the Indians to Lands in the Colony, to the Council for their Concurrence.

Which was read a first time and Ordered a Second reading

The House Continued till 11 o Clock A M.

The House Met Present as before

The Bill Entituled an Act to Empower certain Persons to purchase the claims of the Indians to Lands in this Colony &c was read a Second time And on the question whether it be committed it was carried in the Negative.

And the question being put whether the said Bill be read a third time.

It was Carried in the Affirmative.

Which being done and on the question.

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same.

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The House Continued till 2 o Clock P M. Present as before.

Mr Ashfield reported he had obeyed the order of the House.

His Excellency came into Council and the Advertisement in the Publick Gazette Notifying to the Parties concerned, in the Banking of a part of the Marsh of Mannington Creek and all others, and the Application of the Parties to the Legislature for an Act for that purpose and the acknowledgement of the party opponent of the said Notice were read. And there being no Parish Church where Notice could be set up according to His Majesty's 17th Instruction It was agreed that the above was a sufficient notification of said Act.

A Message from the House of Assembly in the following Words.

Ordered that Mr Hancock and Mr Fisher do wait on the Council and desire to know if they have any Business before them; if not that this House proposes to apply to His Excellency to be dismissed.

To which the Council Answered that they had nothing before them to hinder their making Application to His Excellency for Dismission.

The House Continued until 4 o Clock P M.

The House Met

Present

	James Hude	Esqrs
	Peter Kemble	
The Honoble	Richard Saltar	
	L M Ashfield	
	Samuel Woodruff	

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker with the House attended when His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills.

I An Act for the further defence of the Frontiers of the Colony of New Jersey.

II An Act for the support of Government of His Majesty's Colony of New Jersey to Commence the Twenty first of May one thousand seven hundred and fifty eight and to End the Twenty first day of May one thousand seven hundred & fifty nine; and to discharge the Publick debts and Contingent charges thereof and for settling the quotas in the Respective Counties and Levying of a Provincial Tax.

III An Act for the Settlement and relief of the Poor.

IV An Act to Empower certain Persons to Purchase the claims of the Indians to Lands in this Colony.

V An Act to Enable the Owners and possessors of some Meadows Marshes & Cripples in Mannington in the County of Salem to keep the Tide from Overflowing the same.

VI An Act for altering one part of a Six rods Road which leads from Perth Amboy Ferry to Burlington. After which His Excellency delivered to the Speaker and House of Assembly, the following Answer to a Message sent by that House to him this Morning.

Gentlemen

The dangerous situation in which the American Provinces are put by this Just and Necessary Warr, must make me very cautious of divesting myself of the Advice and Assistance of a General Assembly for an Interval in which Events may happen, that may make it most critically necessary for me to call you together: And as you have already sat for a Time Short of what many former Assemblies have been continued; I dont see that there is any Occasion at present for me to run such a Risk: But I will bear your Request in my Mind; and when I think that I can comply with it with safety to the Country, will embrace the Opportunity. I thank you for your care in Providing for the Support of His Majestys Government, and for your ready Dispatch of Such other Business as has come before you: And as this Season of the Year will make it very agreeable to you to return to your

Homes, I prorogue this General Assembly untill Thursday the Twelfth day of September next ensuing, to meet then at Perth Amboy.

FRA BERNARD

A True Copy of the Journal of the Council of Legislation Compared by

CHA READ D Secry.

At a Council held at Burlington on Friday July 28th 1758

Present
His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr Governor

The Honble James Hude	Richard Saltar	Esqrs
Andrew Johnston	Lewis M Ashfield	
Peter Kemble	Saml Woodruff	

The Honble John Reading Esqr came into Council and informed His Excellency that his great age and infirmities rendered him incapable of performing the Duty of one of His Majesty's Council and desired thst His Excellency would be Pleased to Accept of his Resignation and Dismiss him from His Majestys Service as one of his Council in this Colony.

His Excellency thanked him for his services and promised him to represent the affair to His Majesty in order to obtain his approbation of such Dismission; And in the Mean time with the Unanimous Consent of this Board, did Suspend him from the Office and Duty of a Councillor of this Colony untill His Majestys Pleasure be known.

At a Council held at Burlington on Monday the 31st day of July 1758

Present

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr Governor

The Honble James Hude
Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble
David Ogden
Saml Woodruff
} Esqrs

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from John Schuyler Esqr Collonel the Militia for the County of Bergen dated the 18th Instant Complaining of the disobedience and refusal of several of them to march on the late Order for Detaching the Militia for the Defence of the Frontiers against the Incursions of the Enemy and desired their advice thereon.

The Board were Unanimously of opinion that His Excellency write to Collonel Schuyler directing him to call a Court Martial and to proceed against the offenders pursuant to an Act of The General Assembly of this Colony Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act for the better Settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New Jersey.

At a Council held at Burlington on Friday August the 4th 1758

Present

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr Governor

The Honble James Hude — Richard Saltar
Andrew Johnston — L M Ashfield
Peter Kemble — David Ogden
} Esqrs

His Excellency laid before the Board His Majesty Royal Instructions.[1]

[1] For full instructions to Gov. Bernard, see N. J. Archives, IX., 40-107.

N° 11

And Whereas we are sencible that Effectual Care ought to be taken to oblige the Members of our Council to a due Attendance therein in Order to prevent the many Inconveniences that may happen for want of a Quorum of the Council to transact Business as occasion may require. It is Our Will and Pleasure, that if any of the Members of our said Council residing in the said Province, shall hereafter absent themselves from our said Province and Continue absent above the space of twelve Months together without leave from you or from our Governor or Commander in Chief of our said Province for the time being first obtained under your or his hand and seal or shall remain absent for the space of two years, successively, without our leave given them under our royal sign Manual their place or Places in our said Council Shall Immediately thereupon become Void, and that if any of the Members of our said Council residing in our said Province shall hereafter Wilfully absent themselves from the Council Board when duly Summoned without a Just and Lawful Cause and shall persist therein after admonition you suspend the said Councillors so absenting themselves till our further Pleasure be Known: giving timely Notice thereof to our Commissioners for Trade and Plantations in Order to be laid before us and We do hereby Will and Require that this our Pleasure be signified to the several Members of Our Council Aforesaid & that it be Entered in the Council Bookes of Our said Province as a Standing Rule.

N° 23

Whereas several Inconveniences have arisin to our Governments in the Plantations by Gifts and Presents made to our Governors by the General Assemblys; You are therefore to propose unto the Assembly at their first Meeting after Your Arrival, and to use your Utmost Endeavour with them that an Act be passed for raising and Settling a Publick revenue for the Defraying the Necessary charge of the Government of our said Province; and that therein particularly provision

be made for a competent salary to yourself as Captain General & Governor in Chief of our said Province; and to Others our succeeding Captains General and Governors in Chief for Supporting the dignity of the said office as likewise due Provision for the contingent Charges of our Council and Assembly and for the Salaries of the Respective Clerks and other officers thereunto belonging as likewise all other officers Necessary for the Administration of that Government: and particularly that such salaries be Enacted to be paid in Sterling or Proclamation Money; or in Paper Bills of Credit Current in that Province; in proportion to the Value such Bills shall pass at in Exchange for Silver; that thereby the respective officers may depend on some certain income & not be liable to have their Stipends Varied by the uncertain Value of Paper Money, and that in such Act all Officers Salaries be Fixed to some reasonable Yearly Sum Except the Members of the Council and Assembly and the Officers Attending them or Others whose Attendance on the Publick is uncertain, who may have a reasonable pay Established per diem during their attendance only; and when such revenue shall be so Settled and provision made as aforesaid, then our Express Will and Pleasure is that neither you our Governor nor any Governor Lieutenant Governor Commander in Chief or President of our Council of our said province of New Jersey for the time being do give your or their Consent to the Passing of any law or Act for any Gift or Present to be made to you or them by the Assembly; and that Neither you nor they do receive any Gift or Present from the Assembly or Others on any Account or in any manner Whatsoever upon pain of Our Highest displeasure and of being recalled from that our Government. And we do further direct and require that this declaration of our Royal Will and Pleasure, be Communicated to the Assembly at their first meeting after your Arrival in Our said Province and entered in the Register of our Council and Assembly, that all Persons whom it may Concern may Govern themselves accordingly.

His Excellency then laid before the Board a Petition from the field Officers of the Regiment of the Counties of Salem and Cumberland praying that each County may have a Separate Regiment and he desired the Advice of the Board whether it be for His Majestys Service to Erect a New and Separate Regiment in the County of Cumberland.

The Board advise His Excellency to establish the New Regiment Petitioned for

His Excellency Nominated Joseph Savage to be a Justice of the Peace in Cape May, and Abraham Jones to be a Justice of the Peace In the County of Cumberland.

To both which the Board Assented.

Mr Ashfield laid before His Excellency and the board a Complaint against Joseph Stillwell a Justice of the Peace for the County of Monmouth in a Neglect of His Duty in refusing to Oblige Dominicus Vandiveer to Enter into security for His appearance at the Next Court of Oyer and Terminer to be held for the County of Monmouth agreeable to the direction of a Warrant for that Purpose granted by the Complainant in the Hands of Nathan Tilton together with an Affidavit of said Nathan Tilton to Support the same. And moved for an Order to the Attorney General to file an Information against him.

Ordered that Joseph Stillwell be served with a Copy of the Affidavitt and a Notice to appear before His Excellency in Council at Amboy on the 21st day of this instant or so soon after as a Council shall be held to Show Cause if any he has why an Order should not issue according to the desire of the Complainant.

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter he had received from Thomas Leonard Esqr one of the Council of this Colony dated the 31st ultimo desiring him on Account of his great age and Infirmities which disabled him from attending his Duty as a Councillor to accept his resignation and dismiss him from further Services.[1]

[1] He died during the following year.

His Excellency with the Unanimous Consent of this Board did Suspend the said Thomas Leonard Esq: from further acting, or Voting, as one of His Majestys Council for this Colony untill His Majestys Pleasure should be known

At a Council held at Burlington on Saturday August 12th 1758.

Present

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr Governor

The Honble James Hude
Peter Kemble
Richard Saltar
L M Ashfield
Saml Woodruff
} Esqrs

His Excellency with Advice of Council Signed the following Warrants Vizt

Nº 1	To himself or order in part for Services allowed by an Act of the General Assembly passed this Day.....	£250 „ — „ —
Nº 2	To himself or order the Remainder allowed by an Act of the General Assembly for Services &c.....	250 „ — „ —
Nº 3	To Mrs Elizabeth Aynsley Widow of the Honble William Aynsley Esqr late Chief Justice of this Province deceased for Services done by the late Chief Justice.....	70 „ — „ —
Nº 4	To the Honble Peter Kemble Esqr for 64 days Attendance in Council at the different Sittings of the General Assembly from the 24th of May 1757 to the 12 of August 1758.....	19 „ 4 „ —
Nº 5.	To Charles Read Esqr Secretary of this Province for his accompt of Expresses as per Support Bill.....	42 „ 5 „ 5

N° 6	To Robert Ogden Esqr or Order for the use of Mary Dennis in full of her acco^{t} for Providing a Room fire wood and Candle for the House of Assembly at the different Sittings at Elizabeth Town from December 1752 till September 1757.....	15 „ 14 „ 6

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Monday the 21st of August 1758

Present

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr Governor

The Honble Edward Antill, James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^{rs}

A Petition to His Excellency from Walter Power Commander of the Ship Terrible of 10 Guns burthen 275 Tun; for a Commission of Marque was by His Excellency laid before the Council and he desired their Advice whether the same should be granted.

The Board Advise His Excellency to grant the same.

Then His Excellency was pleased to Sign the following warrants

N° 7	To himself or Order for house Rent from the 14th day of June last to the present time.....	£11 „ 6 „ 10
N° 8	To himself or Order for his Salary from the 14th day of June last to the present Time.....	189 „ 0 „ 9¾
N° 9	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarters Salary ending the 21st Instant.....	6 „ 5 „ —

N° 10	To Richard Saltar Esqr third Justice of the Supreme Court for a quarters Salary ending the 21st Instant.....	6 „ 5 „ —
N° 11	To Andrew Johnston Esqr one of the Treasurers of this Province for a Quarters Salary ending the 21st Instant	10 „ — „ —
N° 12	To Samuel Smith Esqr one of the Treasurers of this Province for a Quarters Salary ending the 21st Instant.....	10 „ — „ —
N° 13	To Courtland Skinner Esqr Attorney General of this Colony for a Quarters Salary ending the 21st Instant.....	7 „ 10 „ —
N° 14	To John Smyth Esqr Clerk of the Circuits for a Quarters Salary ending the 21st Instant.....	5 „ — „ —
N° 15	To the Honble Edward Antill Esqr for twelve days attendance in Council at the two last Sessions at Elizabeth Town.....	3 „ 12 „ —
N° 16	To the Honble James Hude Esqr for twenty three days attendance in Council at the last sessions at Burlington...	6 „ 18 „ —
N° 17	To the Honble Samuel Woodruff Esqr for Nineteen days Attendance in Council at the last Sessions at Burlington.....	5 „ 14 „ —

His Excellency nominated Mr John Hackett & Mr Nicholas Wycoff as Justices of the Peace in the County of Hunterdon.

And Mr James Hude Junr as a Justice of the Peace for the Counties of Middlesex and Somerset. And desired the advice of the Board thereon.

The Board Advise their Appointment

Ordered that they be Added to the Commission of the Peace accordingly.

Compared wth the Journals of the Privy Council of wch the foregoing is a true Copy.

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At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 12th day of January, 1759

Present
His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr

The Honble { James Hude, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^rs

The Governour being informed on the behalf of Mr Johnston that he could not attend pursuant to this appointment on account of one of his daughters lying dangerously Ill; and no other of the Council except the above named appearing or signifying any cause of his absence, His Excell^y ordered that a Copy of the eleventh of his Instructions[1] should be sent to every Member of the Council so absenting himself together with an admonition to attend for the future; and directed that immediate notice should be given to Mr Antill & Mr Ogden (and also to Mr Johnston if the circumstances of his family would permit him) to attend the Council the next morning, that the business for which they were summoned might be proceeded on

Council Chamber Januy 13th

Present
His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr

The Honble { Edward Antill, James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^rs

[1] See *ante* page 196.

His Excellency having proposed whether in the present Situation of Affairs it would be proper to reduce any part of the frontier guard the question was taken into consideration and after some debate it was unanimously resolved in the negative. It was also advised that a proclamation be issued to notify the peace concluded with the Indians.

His Excellency then acquainted the Council that several deserters had been apprehended and that several others were willing to surrender; that he was desirous to suspend his resolutions relating to the said deserters till the Assembly met; that as to those applications that had been already made to him he had directed that if any such deserters would appear before a Justice of the peace and enter into a Bond with two good suretys that he would appear at such time and place as the Governour or any one commissioned by him should appoint, or if he cannot procure two such sureties will deposit in the hands of the Justice the sum of twelve pounds and give his single bond for such appearance, such deserter shall be discharged from confinement till he shall be so called upon to appear

Which method was approved of and it was advised that notice thereof should be given to every Sheriff with directions to communicate the same to all the Magistrates within his County

His Excellency proposed issuing a proclamation for a fast at a proper day in the Spring which was approved of and advised

His Excellency signified his intention to appoint Job Stogden Esqr Sheriff of the County of Somerset at the expiration of the time of the present Sheriff if there was no material objection to him.

The Gentlemen present signified that they Knew of none

His Excellency laid before the board a petition for erecting a Town at Minisink in the County of Sussex to be bounded as in the said Petition is set forth.

Whereupon it was advised that such grant should be suspended untill the meeting of the Assembly that there may be

time for ascertaining the bounds and thoroughly considering thereof

His Excellency expressed his desire of calling the Assembly together as early in the Spring as can well be, whereupon it was advised that the Assembly should be called as soon after his Excellency should receive his Instructions and Requisitions expected from England, as conveniently might be.

At a Council held at the City of Perth Amboy March 10th 1759.

Present

His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Richard Saltar, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff Esqrs

Pursuant to a former order his Excellency by & with the unanimous consent of the Council appointed Friday the 30th day of this instant March for a day of fasting & humiliation throughout this province and also for the better uniformity of the Service in the Churches & Chappels of England within the province ordered the following PSalms & Lessons to be used on that day—

Vizt

Morning Service Psalms 80 & 94
First Lesson the 2d chro chap 20 to ver 30
Second Lesson Matt 3d to ver 12.
Evening Service psalm 37.
First Lesson Joel chap 2d ver 15 to 27
Second Lesson Colo 3d

And that these three prayers in the Service of the Commination Viz.

O Lord we beseech thee &c
O most mighty God &c
Turn thou us O Lord &c

be used immediately before the prayer of St Chrysostom.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy in the Province of New Jersey the 19th day of March 1759

Present
His Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr Governor

The Hon̄ble Andrew Johnston
Richard Saltar
Lewis M Ashfield } Esqrs
David Ogden

His Excellency was pleased to nominate the following persons as Judges of the pleas in Somerset Vizt Paul Miller, Benjn Thomson, Philip Vanhorne, Hendrick Fisher, & Briant Sefferty, and Samuel Coeyman to be a Justice in the Same County

He also nominated Samuel Tuttle and Danl Cooper as Judges in the County of Morris and Lemuel Bowers, Josiah Younglove, Joseph Beach, and Cornelius Ludlow, to be added to the Commission of the Peace for the said County.

And John Holmes, Edward Caseby,[1] Grant Gibbon, and Jacob Dubois, to be added to the Commission of the Peace for Salem, and Henry Leonard to be added to the Commission of the Peace for Essex.

To all which Nominations the Council Assented

A Petition from Abraham Vancampen Esqr and many other Inhabitants in Sussex to his Excellency Praying that there may be a Township Erected, Beginning at the Mouth of a Brook near the lower end of Little Minisink Island so up the Brook to the head, thence on a Direct Course to the South Side of Jeremiah Kettles house, thence on the same Course to the Top of Paoqualin Mountain Thence North Easterly along the Top of the Mountain to York line, thence along the said line to Minguapuck river, thence down the same to Delaware, thence down the same to the Begin̄ing, or by any other lines His Excellency & Council shall think fit.

[1] Keasbey.

The Council advise his Excellency to Grant the Prayer of the Petition. But that the Bounds thereof be along the Line Between this Province & the Province of New York where it first reaches or Touches the same, untill the same Comes to the Station point at the river Delaware, thence down the river Delaware to the Place of Beginning

His Excellency laid before the Council a letter from Cap^n James Campbell Commander of His Majesty Ship Nightingale, dated on board said Ship at Turtle bay near New York the 16th day of March 1759, Desiring that His Excellency wou'd inform him what Number of Seamen he Could Supply Commodore Durrell with for the Service of the fleet at Hallifax.

The Council advise his Excellency to acquaint Cap^n Campbell that as there is very little foreign trade in this Province, and as there has been a great number of Watermen lately engaged for the Battle Service this Province cannot supply the fleet with any Seamen.

His Excellency laid before the Council for their advice, a Petition from the rector Church Wardens Vestrymen & Principal Inhabitants of New Brunswick of the Church of England persuasion praying that a Charter of Incorporation might be granted for the advantage of the Congregation belonging to said church, and therewith delivered a Draft of the Charter for which they petitioned. The Council took time to Consider the same

After which his Excellency Signed the following warrants

N° 40	To himself or Order for a Quarter's Salary as Governor and Commander in Chief of this Province for the Quarter ended the 21st of Febry last,	250 „ — „ —
N° 41	To himself or Order for a Quarters house rent as Comander in Chief &c for the Quarter ended as above.....	15 „ — „ —
N° 42	To Samuel Nevill Esqr or his Order for a Quarters Salary as Second Jus-	

tice of this Province for the Quarter ended as above..... 6 „ 5 „ —

N° 43 To Richard Saltar Esqr or his Order for a Quarters Salary as third Justice of this Province for the Quarter Ended as above..... 6 „ 5 „ —

N° 44 To Courtland Skinner Esqr or his Order for a Quarters Salary as Attorney General of this Colony for the Quarter ended as above..... 7 „ 10 „ —

N° 45 To Richard Partridge Esqr agent of this Colony or his order for a Quarter's Salary ended as above..... 20 „ — „ —

N° 46 To Andrew Johnston Esqr or Order for a quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province for the quarter ended as above..... 10 „ — „ —

N° 47 To Samuel Smith Esqr or Order for a quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province for the Quarter Ended as above..... 10 „ — „ —

N° 48 To Charles Read or Order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council of this Colony for the Quarter Ended as above..... 7 „ 10 „ —

N° 49 To John Smith Esqr or Order for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony for the quarter ended as above..... 5 „ — „ —

N° 50 To Andrew Johnston Esqr or Order being allowed by the Support Bill passed at the late Session for the Charge of Expresses..... 2 „ — „ —

51 To the Honble Lewis M Ashfield Esqr or Order for 38 days Attendance in Council at the late Session at Burlington & Amboy..... 11 „ 8 „ —

N° 52	To the Honble Richard Saltar Esqr or Order for 44 days Attendance in Council at the two last Sessions at Burlington & at Amboy in March 1759,.....	13 „ 4 „ —
N° 53	To the Honble Andrew Johnston Esqr or his Order for 60 days attendance in Council at the 2 last Sessions at Burlington & at Amboy in March 1759.....	18 „ — „ —
N° 54	To Charles Read Esqr or Order the Sum of fifteen Pounds for the redemption of Sarah Deeker from the Indians and also the Sum of Seventeen Pounds two Shillings & four Pence in full of Expresses in all.....	32 „ 2 „ 4
N° 55	To Andrew Johnston Esqr to pay for the use of a Room firewood & Candle for the Council during the late Sessions of General Assembly....	1 „ 5 „ 9
N° 56	To Abraham Clark Junr the Sum of four Pounds Sixteen Shillings for Twelve days Attendance as Clerk of the house of representatives at the late Session at Amboy and Twenty Pounds for pen Ink & Paper during this and former Sittings and also the Sum of fourteen pounds one Shilling & two Pence for Copying the Laws to Send to England and other Services which amount in the whole unto	38 „ 17 „ 2
N° 57	To Andrew Robinson for his attendance as Sergeant at Arms to the house of Assembly at this and former Sittings of the General Assembly the sum of	8 „ 17 „ —

N° 58	To James Nevill for twelve days attendance as Sergeant at Arms at the Council of this Colony at the late Session.....	1 „ 16 „ —
N° 59	To William Wright for a Quarters Salary as Door Keeper to the Council for the quarter ended the 21st of February last.....	2 „ 10 „ —
N° 60	To William Bloodgood for 12 Days attendance as Door Keeper of the house of representatives at the late Session.....	2 „ 2 „ —

Compared with the original Journals of the Council of New Jersey

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A Journal of the Proceedings of His Majesty's Council at a Sessions of the General Assembly of the said Province held at Perth Amboy Tuesday March 6th 1759

The House Met

Present

The Honble Andrew Johnston, Richard Saltar, Lewis M: Ashfield } Esqrs

The House Continued till Wednesday March 7th 1759

The House Met

Present
as above

The House Continued till Thursday March 8th 1759

The House Met Present

The Honble Edward Antill
Andrew Johnston
Richard Saltar
David Ogden
Lewis M Ashfield
Samuel Woodruff
} Esq^rs

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker and House Attended when his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses[1]

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

I have had the honour to have His Majestys commands Signified to me by Mr Secretary Pitt; by which I am required to use my utmost endeavour to induce you to raise, with all possible dispatch at least as large a Body of Men as you did for the last campaign and as many more as the Number of the inhabitants of this Province may allow, to act in conjunction with His Majestys British Forces under the command of his commander in chief in America. I have therefore called you together as soon as I Possibly could; that you may take this great and Important business into your immediate Consideration

When we reflect upon the happy success that has lately attended his Majesty's Arms, we cannot Sufficiently Adore the divine Providence, The Justness of his cause and the steadiness and unanimity of his Councils have produced the desired effects; and have shown that France is not so formidable as her own insolence and the timidity of her neighbors have represented her.

In Europe by the extraordinary virtue of one Man, the great and glorious King of Prussia, Supported moderately

[1] Printed in N. J. Archives, IX., 159.

by Great Britain we have seen the whole land force of France, assisted as it has been by its unnatural alliance with most of the Germanic & Northern Powers, repulsed and kept at bay, by which lucky diversion whilst they have been defeated and disabled in those fields where they chose to exert their force they have rendered themselves defenseless in all other parts. Hence a Terror has been struck throughout their coasts, their fleets have been blocked up; their fortifications have been dismantled, and their Shipping has been destroyed in their own ports; and their trade has been ruined by the cutting off their communication with their Colonies abroad.

In Affrica they have lost the rich settlement of Sinegal in the West Indies, we have just received certain advice that the valuable Island of Guadaloupe has been taken by our forces. In North America their only fortress of any great strength fortified to the best advantage defended by a large garrison, and provided with all necessary stores has been obliged to submitt to the British Arms. And tho' another expedition had not the Success that was expected yet that disappointment was almost immediately after retreived by the taking of fort Frontinac, by a Detachment of Provincials: an event which, if it had produced no other advantage, than the change it has contributed to in the Minds of the neighboring Indians, is of the greatest importance

Nor have our negotiations in America been less successful than our Arms, at the Treaty of Easton (which was brought about by the wise measures of the Governor of Pennsylvania and in which this Province bore a considerable and honourable part) a firm peace has been concluded between the confederate Indians with Nations dependent on them, and the English; and all matters of difference between them have been amicably and fully adjusted In consequence of which, by the prudent and steady conduct of Brigadier General Forbes, the French have been obliged to abandon the Country about the Ohio; and those very Indians who had hitherto Defended them in the possession of it, have received the English and

desired to be restored to that good friendship which they formerly had with them. We are also assured by them, that many Nations to the Westward and Southward of that Country intend to take this opportunity to put themselves under the Protection of the British Empire, some renewing and others now first commencing an Alliance with the English Nation.

Under those circumstances what have we not to hope for? the forces that were before necessarily divided may now be conveniently united; and the Subduer of Louisbourgh[1] is to Command the Invasion of Canada. With this fair prospect before you, you wou'd be injurious to yourselves as well as ungreatfull to your King if you should not contribute all in your power to the Common cause.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

I shall order the letter I have receiv'd from Mr Pitt[2] and from Major General Amherst to be laid before you, under the Confidence expressed in them that no unnecessary communication of the designations mentioned therein shall be made, I shall also communicate to you some extracts from other letters from General Amhurst; from all which you will perceive that it is expected that you will send into the field, this year a greater force than you did last: I must therefore earnestly recommend to you that if you think the circumstances of the Province will possibly admit of it, you will make an Addition to the Number of the forces granted by you Last year: I shall have other things to recommend to your consideration: but till you have formed your resolutions on this business, I shall not interrupt it with any lesser concerns

Gentlemen of the Council & Gentlemen of the General Assembly

I shou'd trifle with you if I was to endeavour to use any arts of persuasion on this subject; Your own breasts will

[1] Sir Jefferey Amherst.
[2] See N. J. Archives, IX., 149.

furnish you with more forcible arguments for exerting yourselves to the utmost of your Power at this critical time, than I can suggest; every motive that can influence the human mind to Action must incite you to this: Your honour your Interest your religion, your property; your present Safety and the preservation of your posterity. In short if you have a mind to have the freedom and independence of your Country to all future times the present is that, in which it must be Effected

The House Continued till Friday March 9th

The House Met
Present as above

The House Continued till Saturday March 10th

The house met Present as above

The house Continued till Monday March 12th

The house met
Present
The Honble Edward Antill
Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble
Richard Saltar
Lewis M: Ashfield
Samuel Woodruff
} Esqrs

The house continued till Tuesday march 13th

The house met
Present as above

The house continued till Wednesday March 14th

The house Met

Present as above

Mr Stevens & Mr Read from the House of Assembly presented to this House for their concurrence a Bill Entituled an Act for raising one thousand effective Volunteers &c which Bill was read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading

Mr Yard & Mr Vangeeson informed the house that they were ordered by the house of Assembly to present two Bills to this house, one Entituled an Act for Continuing Several acts of the General Assembly of this Colony &c And the Bill Entituled an Act to enable John Lawrence of the City of Burlington to Stop out the Tides from overflowing his Marsh &c

Both which Bills were read the first time & ordered a Second reading

A Message from the house of Assembly in the following words

Ordered that Mr Leaming Mr Stevens Mr Fisher Mr Yard Mr Clements & Mr Hancock be a committee to Join a Comittee of the Council to Inspect the Eastern Treasurers Accounts and Burn the Cancelled Money in his hands and make a report thereof to this house, and that Mr Spicer and Mr Vreeland do inform the Council thereof and desire them to appoint a Committee for that Purpose and time and place of meeting

Ordered that Mr Kemble Mr Ashfield and Mr Woodruff be a Committee to Join the Committee of the house of Assembly to Inspect the Eastern Treasurers Accounts and Burn the Cancelled Money in his hands and that Mr Ashfield do inform the house of Assembly thereof and that Ten o Clock to Morrow Morning at the Treasurers Office be the time and place of Meeting

His Excellency came into Council and informing the house of Assembly that he was ready to receive their Address The house waited on him Accordingly and Delivered their address[1] in the words following

[1] Printed in N. J. Archives, IX., 162.

To his Excellency Francis Bernard Esqr Captain General & Governor in chief in and over his Majestys Province of New Jersey & Territories thereon Depending in America Chancellor & Vice Admiral in the Same &c

May it Please your Excellency

We His Majesty's dutifull and Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey in General Assembly convened have taken Mr Secretary Pitts Letter into Consideracon and in pursuance of the methods proposed have without Loss of time gone through the Necessary measures for compleating the Levies with all the expedition that the Nature of the Case seems to require

We Concur with your Excellency that the happy Success which has lately attended His Majesty's Arms is a Sufficient Cause to adore the Divine Providence. Those who can soon forget the Difference between the Situation of things now and but a little time past must let very distinguishing Turns of Superior direction soon escape their Notice, and but unthankfully receive the blessings that infinite Wisdom has been pleased to render very Conspicuous among our fellow Subjects of the English Nation, A memento that to a Considerate mind is not less extraordinary in its Nature, than it is a Standing Obligation to Vigilance & Gratitude.

When we reflect upon the late happy change, as restricted to Indian affairs the part your Excellency bore in the promoting and afterwards in the happy execution of the Treaty at Easton,[1] and this tho' almost one of the first Acts of your Government, and against very Popular prejudices, we must Acknowledge your Excellency is entitled to the thanks of the Public: The event has proved the wisdom of the action, and we hope the Success will Still continue to evince its utility.

As it was but just to repair an oversight respecting Indian purchases in this Province, if any such there were; we cannot therefore but approve of your Excellencys Conduct in

[1] See N. J. Archives, IX., 189.

The house Met

Present as above

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Both which Bills were read the first time & ordered a Second reading

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His Excellency came into Council and informing the house of Assembly that he was ready to receive their Address The house waited on him Accordingly and Delivered the address[1] in the words following

[1] Printed in N. J. Archives, IX., 162.

conjunction with the Commissioners for Indian affairs, and with Pleasure reflect that whatever Omissions there may have formerly been, the same are now compleatly Supplied And the whole Province (except a small claim of Tatamies and Such land as the Indians hold by English Titles in the manner comon to all Freeholders) entirely exempted from Indian Claims both to our and their full Satisfaction

House of Assembly } By Order of the house
March 14th 1759 } SAMUEL NEVILL Speaker

The house Continued till Thursday March 15th

The house Met

Present as above

Mr Ashfield informed the house that he had delivered the message entrusted to him

The Bill entituled an Act for raising one thousand effective Volunteers &c was read a second time and Committed

The Bill entituled an Act for continuing Several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony &c was read a second time & Committed

The Bill entituled an Act to enable John Lawrence of the City of Burlington to Stop out the Tide from overflowing his Marsh &c was read a Second Time and Committed

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom the Bill entituled an Act for raising one thousand effective Volunteers (Officers included) for His Majesty's Service in the ensuing Campaign and making Provision for the Same, and for other Purposes therein menconed reported the Same without Amendment.

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time which was done accordingly

And on the Question

Resolved that the Same do Pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Mr Ashfield desired that his dissent to the said Bill be entered and for his reasons referred to those entered in the

Minutes of Council on a Bill of the like kind passed at a Sessions held at Burlington in March and April last.

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom the Bill entituled an Act to enable John Lawrence of the City of Burlington to Stop out the tide from overflowing his Marsh and Meadows adjoining to and on both sides of Malago Creek or Runn in the Township of Mansfield and County of Burlington reported the same without amendment.

And the said Bill being read the third time And it appearing to the house that there was no Church in the Township where the said Damm was to be erected and that Public Notice had been given by Advertisements publickly affixed up at the most Notorious places, and the assent of the Neighbours most Contiguous being apparent to the house

And the Question being put

Resolved that the Same do Pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Woodruff do acquaint the house of Assembly that the Bill entituled an Act for raising one thousand effective Volunteers &c And the bill entituled on Act to enable John Lawrence of the city of Burlington to stop out the tide from overflowing his Marsh &c have both passed this house this day without Amendment.

Mr Stevens & Mr Spicer from the house of Assembly presented to this house for their concurrence, The Bill entituled an Act for the Support of Government of His Majesty's Colony of New Jersey &c And also the Bill entituled an Act for the further Preservation of Timber &c

Mr Woodruff informed the house that he had delivered to the house of Assembly According to Order the Message to him Intrusted

The Bill entituled an Act for the further Preservation of Timber &c was read the first time and Ordered a Second reading

The Bill entituled an Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New Jersey &c was read the first time and Ordered a Second reading

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary required the attendance of the house of Assembly, The Speaker & house Attended when his Excellency was pleased to Give his Assent to the Bill entituled an Act for raising one thousand effective Volunteers (officers included) &c After which his Excellency was Pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses[1]

Gentlemen of the Council & Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

I thank you for the Speedy dispatch of this important business: The readiness and unanimity with which you have proceeded therein are manifest proofs of your duty to the King and Zeal for his Service. I am Sensible that the Proportion of your Contribution to the common cause ought not to be reckoned by the Number of your forces only, The manner in which you Cloath and furnish them and the Punctuality with which you compleat your Numbers (in both which you exceed almost all other Colonies) make your Men both more expensive and more Servicable; And the large Sums you are obliged to raise for this Purpose will, I hope Sufficiently prove that your efforts on this Occasion are the greatest that you think the circumstances of the Province will bear, In this light I shall represent you to Such of his Majesty's Ministers as I shall have the honour to write to

Gentlemen of the general Assembly

When I spoke to you at the opening of this Session, I told you, that as soon as you had formed your resolutions on this business I shou'd have other things to recommend to you. Accordingly I now propose to you to Consider of the Keeping up your frontier guard, the Provision for which will expire on the 21st of May next. It is a business that ought to be well weighed: on the one hand, there is, to all appearance a perfect Peace with the Indians in that Neighbourhood; and those at a distance have given Strong assurances of their

[1]Printed in N. J. Archives, IX., 163.

intentions to live in friendship with the English. On the other hand you Know very well that those professions, however Sincere when they are made, are not always to be depended upon in their Consequences. Trifling Causes; a misunderstanding with our people on the frontiers, a false report circulated with credit, a little advantage gained over us by the french or too quick a Progress in our advantages over them have at different times Occasioned the Indians to invade our frontiers when we have been lulled into a fatal Security trusting to the Sincerity of friendly professions and the faith of Solemn Treaties. You will therefore consider well whether it be advisable to leave the frontiers entirely defenceless. However I shall think it Proper at this particular time to disband the whole frontier guard: and if you shall think it Necessary to Keep a guard on the frontiers they will be easily raised after the regiment is sent into the field.

Another thing I have to recomend to you is to consider of some means to carry on a trade with the Neighbouring Indians. I have been assured by those that are well acquainted with Indian affairs that the firmest peace you can make with them will not be durable, unless you keep up an intercourse with them to their advantage: and this is to be effected best by Trade which may be made to turn to your Advantage also. This Trade should be public and not private as the latter by its selfish and unconscionable conduct, frequently does more harm than good. This public Trade may be either Managed by Commissioners on account of the Province or by an incorporate Company with a joint Stock with an exclusion of private traders, in either case the Trading House should be fortified and garrisoned as well to prevent surprise as to command respect. This shou'd be done at the Charge of the province and in one case may be considered as part of the expenses of the Trade, in the other as a bounty for the encouragement of it. Besides the Securing the Affections of the Indians, other benefits must accrue to the Province from the introduction of a new

branch of trade into it. This province is well Situated for all the Purposes of commerce but at present wants both private Spirit and publick incouragement. For which reason I must further recommend to you that if you should determine to establish this trade you would make it one of the Terms of it that after a certain time all imports and exports thereof from and to great Britain shall as much as possible be made directly and immediately to and from some port of this Province

Gentlemen

It gives me great pleasure to find that my Service has been so acceptable to you and your constituents. I must not expect that my Endeavours for the public good will often have such great consequences as the Negotiations at Easton produced. But I hope I shall act with the same Spirit attention and industry in all other Public business as I did at that: and tho' Success is not to be Commanded I shall always endeavour to Deserve it.

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom the Bill entituled an Act for continuing several Acts of the general Assembly of this Colony which will expire at the end of this present Sessions by their own Limitation reported the same without any amendment.

And the Said Bill being read the third time
And the Question put
Resolved that the same do pass
Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same
The House Continued till Friday March 16th

The House Met

Present as above

The Bill entituled an Act for the Support of Government of the Colony of New Jersey &c was read the Second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council.

The Bill entituled an act for the further preservation of Timber &c was read the Second time and Committed

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom the Bill entituled an Act for the further preservation of Timber within the Colony of New Jersey was referred reported the same without any amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time which was done Accordingly

And the question being put

Resolved that the same do Pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered

That Mr Ashfield do acquaint the house of Assembly that the Bill intituled an Act for Continuing Several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony &c And the Bill Entitled an Act for the further Preservation of Timber within this Colony of New Jersey have Passed this house this day

The house Continued till Saturday March 17th

The House Met

Present as above

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of Government of His Majesty's Colony of New Jersey &c was Committed reported the same without any amendment

Ordered

That the said Bill be read the third time which was done Accordingly

And upon the Question being put

Resolved that the same Bill do Pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered

That Mr Ashfield do acquaint the house of Assembly that the Bill entitled an Act for the Support of Government of His Majesty's Colony of New Jersey &c has passed this house this day

Mr Ashfield from the Committee appointed to examine the Eastern Treasurers Accounts reported that they had met and Examined the said Treasurers Vouchers for the sum of five thousand nine hundred and eighty-two Pounds Seven Shillings and eleven pence farthing to November the 27th 1758 which he has paid on the Several Laws for Support of Government And also Vouchers for the further Sum of Ninety one thousand four hundred and eighty five Pounds eight Shillings & Six Pence three farthings to January the seventeenth one thousand seven hundred and fifty nine which he has paid on the Several War funds, And as there are Some Accounts Necessary to be laid before us, that cannot at present be Come at they beg further time to finish the whole in.

His Excellency came into Council & having desired the Attendance of the house of Assembly the Speaker and house attended accordingly. When his Excellency was Pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills Viz[t]

An act for continuing Several Acts of the General Assembly of this Colony which will expire at the end of this present Session by their own Limitation.

An Act for the further Preservation of Timber within the Colony of New Jersey &c

An Act to enable John Lawrence of the City of Burlington to Stop out the Tide from overflowing his Marsh & Meadows adjoining to and on both sides of Malago Creek or runn in the Township of Mansfield & County of Burlington

An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New Jersey &c

His Excellency was Pleased to prorogue the General Assembly of this Province to Tuesday the 17th of April next then to Meet at Burlington[1]

[1] The General Assembly was at that time further prorogued to March 11th, 1760, at which session no business was done except to receive the speech of Governor Bernard, dated March 6th, and to make an answer thereto, March 14th. These speeches, together with an address to the Legislature by Governor Bernard on March 15th, may be found in the New Jersey Archives, Vol. IX., 159–166. An adjournment was then made to May 13th, 1760, at Burlington, at which time and place, without the transaction of any business, a further adjournment was made to October 29th, 1760.

Journal of the Proceedings of His Majestys Council for the Province of New Jersey at a Session of the General Assembly of said Province begun and holden at Perth Amboy Thursday March 26th 1761

Pursuant to His Majesty's Writ of Prorogation the House Mett

Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
Peter Kemble
Andrew Johnston } Esqrs
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff

The House Continued till Fryday March 27th

The House Mett Present as Before

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary Informed the House of Assembly that he was Ready to Receive the Presentation of their Speaker

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This session of the Legislature continued to December 5th, following. Its transactions are only to be found in the "Votes and Proceedings of the General Assembly." The Journals of the Council between March 17th, 1759 and March 26th, 1761, are missing. A through search in the London offices by our agent, Mr. Stevens, in that city, failed to bring them to light.

The bills passed at the session of the Legislature held October 29th, to December 5th, 1760, are as follows:

1. An Act to provide for the pay of the New Jersey Regiment for the Month of November, One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty, and other incidental Charges.
2. An Act to Erect and Establish Courts in the Several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of Small Causes.
3. An Act for the Preservation of the publick Records of the Colony of New Jersey.
4. An Act for regulating Roads and Bridges.
5. An Act to prevent the Sale of Tickets in Lotteries Erected out of this Province, and more Effectually to prevent Gaming, and to revive Three publick Lotteries appointed by a former Law of this Colony.
6. An Act to regulate the Size of Traps to be hereafter set in this Colony.
7. An Act to impower the Justices and Feeholders of Each County to adjourn, and to remedy the Neglect of chusing County Collectors.
8. An Act to revive and amend an Act Entitled An Act for the better Enabling Creditors to recover their just Debts from Persons who abscond themselves.
9. An Act to continue the Dam across Woodbury Creek, in the County of Gloucester.
10. An Act to enable the owners and possessors of some marshes and Cripple Swamp in the County of Cape May, to keep out the Tide from overflowing the Same.

The House of Assembly[1] attended and Presented Samuel Nevill Esqr as their Speaker whom His Excellency was pleased to approve

After which the Speaker Requested that the House might be Continued in their Usual Priviledges.

To which His Excellency gave them Assurances.

Then His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses.

Gentlemen of the Council,

Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

The Occasion of my Calling you together at this juncture is not only to Condole with you on a late Meloncholy Event which has penetrated every British Bosom with unfeigned Sorrow nor meerly to Congratulate with you on the Accession of His Present Most Gracious Majesty whose acknowledged Virtues forbode us Happiness and whose Declarations from the Throne in favour of his people have been Received with Universal Exultations of Joy and Gratitude these Subjects indeed are much too Important to be Silent upon of too Interesting a Nature not to have exited in us all the different Sensations of Sorrow and Gladness But at the Distance we are from the Royal Presence our Actions will best Declare the Propriety of our Sentiments on both these Occasions And an Adherence to the Measures as far as we are Concerned, that gave Splendour to the Last Reign be the properest Tribute to the Glorious Memory of our Late

[1] The members of the Twentieth Assembly were as follows: *Perth Amboy*—John Stevens, Andrew Smyth; *Middlesex*—Samuel Nevill, John Wetherill; *Monmouth*—James Holmes, Richard Lawrence; *Essex*—Robert Ogden, John Ogden; *Somerset*—Hendrick Fisher, John Hoagland: *Bergen*—Rinear Vangeson, Theunis Dey; *City of Burlington*—Samuel Smith, John Lawrence; *County of Burlington*—Daniel Doughty, Joseph Borden; *Gloucester*—Samuel Clement, David Cooper: *Salem*—William Hancock, Eleazer Miller; *Cape May*—Aaron Leaming, Jacob Spicer; *Hunterdon*—George Reading, John Hart. Of the foregoing, John Stevens was summoned to the Upper House, and John Johnson chosen; Andrew Smyth died, and Courtlandt Skinner chosen; Samuel Nevill died, and Reune Runyon chosen; James Holmes died, and John Anderson chosen; Robert Ogden resigned, and Stephen Crane chosen; John Hoagland died, and Abraham Van Este chosen; Samuel Smith summoned to the Upper House, and T. Rodman chosen; Samuel Clement died, no one put in his place; William Hancock died, and E. Keasby chosen; Jacob Spicer died, and N. Stillwell, chosen.

Monarch[1] and the most undoubted Testimony of our Loyalty and Affection to our present most Gracious Sovereign This Testimony Gentlemen you have now an Immediate Opportunity of exhibiting for I have His Majesty's Commands signified to me by Mr Secretary Pitt to use my utmost Endeavors to Induce you to Raise two thirds only of the Number of Men you Raised Last Campaign since which Gen[l] Amherst has wrote to me in Concurrence with this Requisition in both which Letters are Contained such various such Cogent such Incontestible Reasons for this Measure which I now most Cordially Recommend to you that I cannot dispense with laying them before you and when I Consider Gentlemen how Successfully how much to your Advantage your former Aids have been Employed when I Consider that your Taxes bear no Shadow of Proportion to the Augmented Prices of your Commodities that the Calamity of War Instead of Desolation has Really Spread Affluence among you that it has been Carried on for your Preservation and is Continued for the Security of those Conquests you deem so Essential to it That in the number of Troops Required of you there is the highest appearance of Moderation and that with a View also to the Parliamentary Donation the Conduct of this Province should Correspond with It's former Zeal on the like Occasions for these Reasons I profess the utmost Confidence that your Complyance will be Cheerful and Expeditious.

THO: BOONE[2]

Then the House of Assembly withdrew and the House Continued till Saturday March 28th

[1] King George II., who died October 25th, 1760.

[2] Gov. Boone first met the General Assembly on October 30th, 1760, at its session beginning on the day before. For his speech on that occasion see "Votes of the General Assembly" of that date, when he had already been Governor for four months, having succeeded Gov. Bernard on the first of July, 1760.

The House Mett Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
Peter Kemble
Andrew Johnston
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
} Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Monday March 30th

The House Mett Present as before

The House Continued till Tuesday March 31st

The House Mett Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude
Peter Kemble
Andrew Johnston
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
Charles Read
} Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till Wednesday April 1st

The House mett Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude
Peter Kemble
Andrew Johnston
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
Charles Read
} Esq^{rs}

The House continued till Thursday April 2nd 1761

The House Mett Present as before

The House continued till Fryday April 3rd 1761

The House Mett Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
Peter Kemble
Andrew Johnston
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
Charles Read
} Esquires

Mr Stevens & Mr Leaming from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House the Bill Entituled An Act for Raising six hundred Effective Volunteers Officers included for His Majesty's Service and making provision for the same & for other purposes therein mentioned, which Bill was Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The House continued till Two O'Clock P: M:

The House Mett Present as before

Mr Fisher and Mr Dye from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House the Bill Entituled an Act for Obviating Doubts Respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last Session & Continuing the ordinances for Establishing Courts within this Colony Also a Bill Entituled an Act for Naturalizing David Sleyback, Henry Lutts, Michael Hammer and John Allison which Bills were severally read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till Saturday April 4th 1761

The House Mett Present

The Honble Robert H. Morris, James Hude, Peter Kemble, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read Esq^{rs}

The Bill Entituled an Act for Raising six hundred Effective Volunteers Officers Included for His Majesty's Service & making Provision for the same and for other Purposes therein mentioned was Read a Second time.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Obviating Doubts respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last Session &^{c} was Read a Second Time & Committed to Mr Ogden Mr Woodruff and Mr Read.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Naturalizing David Slayback, Henry Lutts, Michael Hammer & John Allison was Read a Second Time & Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

Mr Laurence and Mr Borden from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entituled an Act for the Relief of Francis Goelett which Bill was Read the first time and ordered a second Reading

The House Continued till Monday April 6th 1761.

The House Met Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, James Hude, Peter Kemble, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read Esq^{rs}

Mr Kemble from the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled An Act for Obviating Doubts Respecting

the Acts of Assembly passed last Session &c Reported the same with Several Amendments made thereto which he Read in his Place & Delivered the same in at the Table.

The Amendments to the said Bill Being again Read were agreed to by the House & Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Obviating Doubts respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last Session &c with the Engrossed Amendments thereto being read a third time

On the Question

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the Said Bill and Amendments

Ordered that Mr Read do carry the said Bill & Amendments to the House of Assembly & desire the Concurrence of that House to the said Amendments.

Mr Read from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled an Act for Naturalizing David Slayback &c was Referred Reported the Same without any Amendment.

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third Time, which being done, And on the Question.

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith Mr Read from the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled an Act for the Relief of Francis Goelett Reported the same without any Amendment.

Ordered that the said Bill be Read a third time which being done, On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith. Mr Read from the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled an Act for Raising six hundred Effective Volunteers Officers Included for his Majesty's Service &c Reported the same without any Amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time which being done, On the Question.

Resolved that the same do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith. Mr Read Reported that he had Obeyed the foregoing Orders.

The House Continued till Tuesday April 7th 1761

The House Met Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude
Peter Kemble
Andrew Johnston
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
Charles Read
} Esq^rs

Mr Ogden and Mr Hart from the House of Assembly brought up the Bill Entituled an Act for Obviating Doubts Respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last Session &c Re-engrossed with the Amendments of the Council thereto

Ordered that the said Bill and Amendments be Compared.

The Re-engrossed Bill with the Amendments made thereto in this House being Read and Compared.

Ordered that the Speaker Sign the Same.

His Excellency came into Council & having by the Secretary Informed the House of Assembly that he was in the Council Chamber Ready to Receive the Address of that House.

The Speaker with the House attended & Delivered their Address in the following Words.

May it please your Excellency.

We the Representatives of New Jersey, in General Assembly conven'd with the Rest of His Majesty's dutifull Subjects nearly affected by the decease of our late Gracious

Sovereign, beg leave to Mention it with the Sincerest Condolence, his distant Subjects felt in the Influence of his Virtues, We gratefully commemorate his Mild and benevolent Reign: And animated by the Prospect of the same being Continued in His Royal House, Most heartily Congratulate his Present Majesty's Accession to the Throne of His Ancestors, whose acknowledged Virtues as your Excellency justly Remarks, forbode us happiness, and have been received with Universal Exultation of Joy and Gratitude.

Tho' we differ in Opinion with your Excellency, that our Taxes bear no Shadow of Proportion to the Augmented Prices of our Commodities, Yet as the Management and Success of the present War, Afford the glorious Prospect of future Ease and Quiet, we do not Repine, tho' our Debt is great, and we are exposed to Extreme Difficulties Respecting Common Labour. Under these Considerations, we hope the Additional Assistance we have now given to the Common Cause, May yield full Satisfaction, and intitle us to the future favour of His Majesty.

By order of the House SAMUEL NEVILL Speaker

To which His Excellency gave the following Answer.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

I return you many thanks for your Address, and Sincerely Wish, that the Aid you have given, may be Acceptable. To Deserve His Majesty's favour, Gentlemen, is the most Certain Means of procuring it.

THO: BOONE.

After which His Excellency was pleased to give his assent to the following Bills Enacting the same.

I An Act for Raising Six Hundred Effective Volunteers Officers Included for His Majesty's Service and Making Provision for the same and for other purposes therein mentioned

II An Act for Obviating Doubts Respecting the Acts of Assembly passed last Session and Continuing the Ordinances for Establishing Courts within this Colony.

III An Act for Naturalizing David Slayback, Henry Lutts, Michael Hammer and John Allison.

IV An Act for the Relief of Francis Goelett

After which he Spoke to both Houses as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

It would have given me great Pleasure to have reported to His Majesty's Ministers, that you had fully Complyed with the Kings Requisition & Expectations: what you have done, as it Approaches so very near to what was required of you, will I hope be of Service. I have done everything in My power upon this Occasion, that my duty to the Crown requires; my Regard for you now Prompts me to Set your Conduct in as favourable a Light as I Can, Consistent with the Real Truth, and you will not do me Justice if you doubt my being at all times Sollicitous for your Credit and Reputation. I shall now, Gentlemen, detain you no longer from your Domestick Concerns, but prorogue this Assembly to the fourth day of May next, then to meet at Burlington.

THO: BOONE.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Tuesday the 17th day of March 1761.

Present

His Excellency Thomas Boone Esqr Govr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden } Esqrs

His Excellency Informed the board that it had been Represented to him by the Justices and Practicers in the

Supreme Court that Some Doubts had Arisen Concerning the Validity of the Ordinance Issued in the Reign of his Late Majesty for Constituting that Court and Establishing its powers and Jurisdictions whether the same Expired on the Demise of his said Late Majesty and that such doubts would Interrupt the Course of Justice and Therefore they Prayed him to Issue an Ordinance for the Continuance of the Supreme Court, and he desired the advice and opinion of the Council therein.

The Council taking the same into Consideration do Advise His Excellency to Issue the Ordinance accordingly.

And the Council further Considering that the Ordinances for Establishing the County Courts for holding of pleas in all the Countys in this Colony must stand upon the same footing and that the proceeding in them would be affected by the same doubts Do advise His Excellency to Issue a General Ordinance for Establishing them agreeable to the powers and Jurisdictions they have heretofore Exercised and to meet at the same times that they of late have done.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Tuesday the 31st day of March 1761.

Present

His Excellency Thomas Boone Esqr Govr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude
Peter Kemble
Andrew Johnston
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
} Esqrs

His Excellency Nominated Alexander Linn Edward Lewis John Ayres and Ebenezer Tingley to be Justices of the Peace in the County of Somerset to which Nomination the Council Assented.

Charles Read Esqr being appointed in His Majesty's Instructions to His Excellency The Governor as one of the Council of this Colony he took the Oaths and made and subscribed the Declarations appointed by Law and also the Usual Oath for the performance of his duty as one of the Council and then took his seat Accordingly.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy April 7th 1761.

Present

His Excellency Thomas Boone Esqr Govr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude
Andrew Johnston
Samuel Woodruff
Charles Read
} Esq^{rs}

His Excellency by Advise of Council signed the following Warrants

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N° 41.	To himself or order for his Salary as Governor for the Quarter ending 21st February last.....	250 „	0 „	0
42.	To himself or order to a Quarter's house rent due 21st February last.....	15 „	0 „	0
43.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarter's Salary due 21st Feb Last.....	12 „	10 „	0
44.	To Richard Saltar Esqr third Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarter's Salary Due 21st February last...	6 „	5 „	0
45.	To Samuel Smith Esqr one of the Treasurers of this Colony for a Quarter's Salary due 21st February last.....	10 „	0 „	0
46.	To Andrew Johnston Esqr one of the Treasurers of this Colony for a Quarter's Salary due 21st February last.....	10 „	0 „	0

47. To Courtland Skinner Esqr Attorney General for a Quarters Salary due 21st February last.....	7 „	10 „	0
48. To Charles Read Esqr Clerk of the Council for a Quarters Salary due 21st February last.....	7 „	10 „	0
49. To John Smyth Esqr Clerk of the Circuits for a Quarters Salary due 21st February last.....	5 „	0 „	0
50. To Samuel Smith Esqr Clerk of the Assembly for attendance Copying the Laws and Notes for the Printer Pen Ink and Paper Allowed by last Support Act.....	53 „	17 „	1
51. To Richard Smith Esqr Recorder of the City of Burlington for money allowed that City for the Support of a Mohawk Indian ℔ last Support Bill.....	13 „	9 „	5
52. To James Parker Esqr for his account to this day allowed agreeable to Law.....	100 „	19 „	10½

At a Council held at Burlington on Tuesday the 7th day of July 1761.

Present

His Excellency Thomas Boone Esqr Govr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, James Hude, Charles Read } Esq^{rs}

His Excellency proposed to the Board Garret Garretse, Peter Peterson and Michael Vreelandt jun^{r} of Acquacanank & Anree Dow of Second River to be Justices of the Peace for Essex County and that Michael Vreelandt be of the Quorum.

Whereupon the Council Advised his Excellency to appoint the three first named whenever he should think proper to Issue a new Commission for that County it appearing that part of the County where they Reside is not Sufficiently Supplied with Justices but as that is not Supposed to be the Case at Second River there does not appear to them to be a Necessity of Appointing Anree Dow.

His Excellency proposed Stephen Crane Esqr as a Judge of the Pleas for the same County to which the Council Assented.

After which His Excellency was pleased to sign the following Warrants.

N° 53.	To himself or order for his Salary as Governor for the Quarter ending 21st May last	£250	„ —	„ —
54.	To himself or order for a Quarters house Rent due 21st May last	15	„ 0	„ 0
55.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarters Salary due 21st May last	6	„ 5	„ 0
56.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court Additional Salary	6	„ 5	„ 0
57.	To Richard Saltar Esqr third Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarters Salary due 21st May last	6	„ 5	„ 0
58.	To Courtland Skinner Esqr Attorney General for a Quarters Salary due 21st May last	7	„ 10	„ 0
59.	To Andrew Johnston Esqr one of the Treasurers of this Colony for a Quarters Salary due 21st May last	10	„ 0	„ 0
60.	To Samuel Smith Esqr one of the Treasurers of this Colony for a Quarters Salary due 21st May last	10	„ 0	„ 0

61. To Charles Read Esqr Clerk of the Council for a Quarters Salary due 21st May last.....	7 „	10 „	0
62. To John Smyth Esqr Clerk of the Circuits for a Quarters Salary due 21st May last.....	5 „	0 „	0
63. To Joseph Sherwood Agent for this Colony at the Court of Great Britain for a Quarters Salary due 21st May last.....	20 „	0 „	0
64. To Richard Hughes Doorkeeper of the Council for his Salary from 4th July 1760 to 21st May 1761.....	8 „	15 „	6
65. To Samuel Smith Esqr £162 16^{s} 4^{d} being 6^{d} in the pound for Exchanging Ragged and Torn Bills to the Value of 16 hundred & twelve pounds four shillings and three pence, & one hundred pounds being one ⅌ Cent on £10,000 Sunk by the Justices & Freeholders of Burlington County P. Cent.....	262 „	16 „	4
66. To Samuel Smith Esqr for Extraordinary Services allowed by last Support Bill.....	15 „	0 „	0
67. To John Wetherill and Hendrick Fisher to pay the Honble James Hude Esqr for Storeage of the Baggage of the Kings Troops from the Commencement of the War to this time..	39 „	4 „	6

His Excellency in Council Observed that Mr Antill though Punctually Summoned had never attended in Council upon any occasion during his Administration nor had even upon Several Summons, thought proper to Assign any reason for his Absence, in order therefore to give an Opening for another Appointment, as a Quorum is with Difficulty Assembled, he

thought proper to Suspend Mr Antill from his Office of Councellor till his Majesty's pleasure Shall be known, and the Clerk of the Council is required to Acquaint him therewith.

His Excellency proposed Edmund Wetherby to be a Judge of the Pleas in Salem County in the Room of Ranaer Canhist to which the Council Assented.

Proceedings of His Majesty's Council for the Province of New Jersey at a Meeting of the General Assembly of said Province at Burlington on Saturday July 4th 1761.

Pursuant to Prorogation The House Mett.

Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude } Esq^rs
Charles Read

The House Continued till Monday July 6th

The House Mett. Present as before

His Excellency Came into Council & having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly they attended when His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses.

Gentlemen of the Council

Mr Speaker of the House of Representatives

A Punctual Attendance when summoned to meet, is as much your Duty, as to meet at all, and if each person instead of paying an Exact Regard to a Legal Call, will Judge for himself when his presence may be Requisite, it's plain Gentlemen we may be Exposed to as much Uncertainty, as

there is Difference in the Opinions of so many Individuals as form the Legislature of this Province; My own time I Devote with Pleasure to the publick, for your Convenience I Represent this, and Request you to Esteem yourselves of more Consequence, than to Suppose it a Matter of mere Indifference, whether your Deliberations are Postponed or not.

At your last Sessions for very Essential Reasons, no less than the Security of His Majesty's Conquests in North America and the Accelerating a Peace on Terms of Glory, & Advantage you were Induced Gentl^n^ to pass a Bill for Raising six hundred men, and under the disadvantages of the Increase of Bounty to Soldiers in a Neighbouring Province, and the Diminution of it in ours, I have the Satisfaction to inform you, that your Numbers have been very Near Completed. But in a letter from General Amherst dated at Albany the 15th June, he Observes, that the time Limited for our Regiments Serving will Expire, before it is possible for the Regular Forces to be Imployed, in the Important and Intended Expedition, Can Return to Relieve them, and that a small body of men will be Absolutely Necessary for the Protection of the Several Forts and Country in general. I have Called you therefore Gentlemen as Expeditiously as I Could, in order to Recommend to you the Providing for the Continuance of Sixty four men a Captain & a Lieutenant, being your proportion agreeable to the numbers Required of the Several Colonies for this Essential Service & I am Impowar'd by the General to Assure you your Troops shall not be detained one day longer in the Service than is Absolutely Requisite.

I shall neither Insult your Zeal or Judgments with an Unnecessary Display of Arguments the Season and Measure both Require Expedition, and as the necessity of this is Undeniable, I Could wish you to Entitule your selves Not only to the Merit of an Assent but of an Immediate one.

Burlington July 6th THO: BOONE

The House Continued till Tuesday July 7th

The House Mett. Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, James Hude, Charles Read } Esq^rs

His Excellency Came into Council & having by the Secretary Informed the House of Assembly that he was Ready to Receive their address

The Speaker and House of Representatives Attended & Delivered their Address in the following Words.[1]

May it please your Excellency,

We, His Majestys Dutiful and Loyal Subjects, the Representatives of of New Jersey, in General Assembly Conven'd without delay, have Taken into Consideration the providing for a Number of men to be Inlisted, pursuant to the Expectation of His Excellency General Amherst, and done therein according to his desire, in Confidence of their being Discharged at the time Limited.

Tho' we Could not be sufficiently Assured, that the Number we provided for last Spring, Considering the Extream Scarcity of men among us, Could be Raised, it is with pleasure we now Receive the Information your Excellency has given us, that the Regiment is no[2] near Compleated. We have not in the Course of this War been Remarkable for Defficiencies; We Entered into the Service with the View of giving our best Assistance, and with hopes of future Security, we have, tho' deeply in Debt, Continued our Endeavours: And as the Salutary prospect of a General peace Seems at Hand, Notwithstanding we have had, and must hereafter struggle with heavy Taxes, when the Important point of Security against French Perfidy and Savage Cruelty, is Obtained, We doubt

[1] Printed in N. J. Archives, IX., 287.
[2] So?

not of their being paid, with Chearfulness, and the Occasion Retained with grateful Admiration.

If Common Report may be Credited, this is likely to be the Last Address to your Excellency; unsolicited by any Applications, It may, we presume, be Unexpected; yet permit us to Remark, That as we have asked nothing of you unbecoming his Majesty's Representative to grant, You have Refused us nothing we have Asked. If it is Honourable to distinguish an Administration, not only unsullied, but publickly kind and benevolent, such an Administration as yours Demands our grateful acknowledgments; The Shortness of the time you have been among us is an Objection not in our power to Remedy; on your Successor therefore must Remain our further hopes, whom we shall be happy to find Equally Succeding to our Wishes.

By order of the House

Burlington July 7th 1761. SAMUEL NEVILL Speaker

To which His Excellency Returned the following Answer[1]

Gentlemen,

You have given a fresh Instance of your Duty to the Crown, and Readiness to Promote His Majestys Measures by so Chearful and Speedy Compliance with General Amherst's Requisition nor will your Confidence be Abused

A Common Report Gentlemen has been productive of a very kind Compliment to me, I have discharged my duty faithfully, and am particularly happy that a Conduct which I have pursued without Difficulty should be looked upon by you with Approbation.

Burlington July 7th 1761 THO: BOONE.

The Speaker and House of Assembly Withdrew

The House Continued till Wednesday July 8th 1761

[1] Printed in N. J. Archives, IX., 288.

The House Mett Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude } Esq^{rs}
Charles Read

Mr Fisher & Mr Lawrence from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act to Provide for the Enlisting Cloathing & pay of Sixty six Effective Volunteers Officers Included to be Employed in His Majesty's Service from and after the first day of November next.

Which Bill was Read the first Time & ordered a second Reading

The Bill Entituled an Act to provide for the Enlisting Cloathing and pay of Sixty six Effective Volunteers &^{c} was Read a Second time.

The Bill Entituled an Act to provide for the Enlisting Cloathing & pay of Sixty six Effective Volunteers &^{c} was read a third Time and on the Question

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do Inform the House of Assembly thereof Mr Read Reported that he had Obeyed the above Order

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Reading & Mr Borden

Ordered

That Mr Reading & Mr Borden do wait upon the Council and desire them to Acquaint this House whether they have any business before them if not that the House proposes to Apply to His Excellency for a Dismission.

By order of the House

July 8th 1761. SAM^{l} SMITH Clerk

His Excellency Came into Council & having by the Secretary Required the Attendance of the House of Assembly they attended when His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent

to the Bill Entituled An Act to provide for the Enlisting Cloathing & pay of sixty six Effective Volunteers Officers Included to be Employed in His Majestys Service from and after the first day of November next

After which he Spoke to both Houses as follows

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker & Gentlemen of the House of Representatives

It would be making you a very Ill Return for the Dispatch you have given to the Business which Called you together, to detain you at such a Season one minute Longer than is Necessary, I therefore Prorogue this Assembly to the 8th of August then to meet at Perth Amboy, and it is Prorogued Accordingly. THO: BOONE.

Journal of the Proceedings of his Majesty's Council for the Province of New Jersey, at a Session of General Assembly of said Province begun and held at Perth-Amboy Monday November 30th 1761.

The House met pursuant to His Majestys Writ of Prorogation

Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude
Lewis Morris Ashfield
Andrew Johnston
} Esqrs

The House continued till Tuesday

The House met. Present

The Honble Robert H Morris
James Hude
Lewis M. Ashfield
Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble
Charles Read
} Esqrs

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him that the House are met and ready to receive any thing His Excellency may have to lay before them.

Mr Ashfield reported that he had waited on the Governor who was pleased to say he would come into Council immediately

His Excellency came into council and having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly The House of Assembly attended accordingly when his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly

His Majesty having honor'd me with his Commission to serve him as Governor of this Province [1] I cannot help expressing my particular satisfaction to be placed at the head of a people whose conduct in the course of this War has manifested a zeal for his Majestys Service and deservedly received the Royal Approbation from the success of his Majestys Arms in all quarters of the World and the wisdom of his Councils we have the greatest reason to expect that this just necessary and glorious War will terminate in a peace honorable to Great Britain, secure and permanent to his Majestys Allies and particularly advantagious to these Colonies.

I come into this country Gentlemen with a disposition much inclined to Harmony and esteem it a particular happiness to be appointed to this high Station by a King whose principal View is to promote the welfare of his People. Gratitude to my Sovereign and my own Inclinations lead to consider your happiness as one of the great Objects of my care and at the same time that my Station requires from me a Strenuous exertion of his Majestys Royal Prerogative yet you may be assured that your Rights and Privileges will be always with me sacred and inviolable

[1] Josiah Hardy was appointed Governor of New Jersey April 14th, 1761. He did not supersede Gov. Boone until October 30th of the same year.

As I have nothing at present from his Majesty's Ministers to lay before you and my residence here has been too short to Enable me to enter into any particulars relative to the Province I shall content myself with recommending unanimity and dispatch in any Measures you may in the course of this Sessions think it necessary to propose

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

Altho the Act for the support of Government continues in force till May next yet it makes provision for only some of the Officers of Government I must recommend that matter to your consideration and need not repeat what his Majesty orders me to propose to you on that head by the 23rd Article of his Instructions as I observe that Instruction is entered in your Journal, the early proofs we have of his Majestys Paternal Affection demand an entire confidence from all his Subjects, And when we consider the Blessings we have a prospect of enjoying under his Auspicious reign I make no doubt but you will take every opportunity of shewing your gratitude to the best of Kings by constant instances of Duty fidelity and Loyalty.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly

As I am persuaded that Harmony among the three branches of the Legislature is the sure means of securing the Welfare of the Publick so you may depend that I shall most readily Join in my endeavours with yours in every Measure that tends either to promote his Majestys service or the good of the Province, and I please myself with the hope that with your Assistance my Administration will be rendered beneficial to the People

JOSIAH HARDY.

which was read and ordered a second reading to-morrow morning

The House continued till Wednesday December 2d 1761

The House met Present

The Honble Robert H Morris
James Hude
Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble
Lewis Morris Ashfield
David Ogden
Lord Stirling[1]
Charles Read

His Excellencys speech was read a second time

Resolved that an humble Address be made to His Excellency in answer to his Speech

Ordered that Lord Stirling Mr Ashfield Mr Ogden and Mr Read be a Committee to prepare a Draught of said Address

Thursday December 3rd 1761 .

the House met Present as before

The House continued till Friday December 4th 1761

The House met Present as before

M^r R Ogden & Mr Smyth from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill Entitled an Act effectually to prevent Horse raceing and Gaming in the Province of New Jersey which was read the first time and ordered a second reading.

The House continued till Saturday December 5th 1761

[1] William Alexander, claiming to be Earl of Stirling, appointed a member of Council, June 30th, 1761.—*N. J. Archives, IX., 274.*

the House met present

The Honble Robert H Morris
James Hude
Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble
David Ogden
Lewis M. Ashfield
Lord Stirling
Charles Read

Mr Wetherill and Mr Smyth from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill Entitled an Act to revive and amend an Act Entitled an Act for the relief of poor distressed Prisoners for Debt, and also a Bill Entitled an Act for Vacating and rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon for the sale of certain Lands lying in the County of Middlesex, and to releive and secure the Trustees and Managers of the said Lottery against any Action that is or may be brought against them concerning the same

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second reading

The Bill Entitled an Act effectually to prevent Horse-raceing and Gameing in the province of New Jersey was read a second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

The House continued till Monday December 7th 1761.

The House met. present

The Honble Robt H Morris, James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble, Lewis M. Ashfield, Lord Stirling, Charles Read

Mr Hancock & Mr Lawrence from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill Entitled an Act to continue the Support of Governmt till the twenty first day of May One thousand seven hundred and sixty three which was read the first time and ordered a second reading

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Hancock and Mr J. Lawrence. Ordered, that Mr Leaming Mr Smyth Mr R. Lawrence Mr J. Lawrence and Mr Cooper or any three of them be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to inspect and settle the Treasurer of the Eastern division's Accounts and burn the Cancelled Money in his hands and that Mr Hancock and Mr. J. Lawrence do inform the Council thereof and desire them to appoint a Committee to join a Committee of the Assembly for that purpose and to appoint time and place of the Committee's meeting

Ordered that Mr Kemble Mr Ashfield and Mr Read or any two of them be a Committee to join a Committee of the house of Assembly to inspect the Accounts in the Eastern Treasury and burn the cancelled Money in Mr Johnstons hands and make report to the House and that the Committees do meet at Mr Johnstons for that purpose to Morrow at three o'Clock in the afternoon

Ordered that Mr Ashfield acquaint the House of Assembly thereof

Mr Ashfield reported that he had obeyed the above order.

The Bill entituled an Act for Vacating and rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon &c was read a second time.

Mr Morris reported that he had waited on the Governor to know what Instructions he had relative to passing private Bills and his Excellency had furnish'd him with a Copy of his 17th Instruction which is as follows

Copy of the 17th Article of his Majestys Instructions

17th Instruction[1]

You are also to take Care that no private Act whereby the property of private persons may be affected, be passed, in which there is not a saving of the right us our Heirs and Successors all Bodies Politick or Corporate and of all other persons except such as are mentioned in the said Act, and those claiming by from and under them, and further you shall take care that no private Act be passed without a Clause suspending the execution thereof until the same shall have our Royal Approbation, It is likewise Our Will & Pleasure that you do not give your Assent to any private Act until Proof be made before you in Council and entered in the Council books that publick notification was made of the partys intention to apply for such Act in the several parish Churches where the premises in question lye, for three Sundays successively before any such Act shall be brought into the Assembly, and that a Certificate under your hand be transmitted with and annexed to every such private Act signifying that the same has passed thro' all the forms above mentioned

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly that the House desire to be informed what notice has been given to the parties affected by the Bill Entituled an Act for vacating & rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon &c and that they would furnish the Council with such Evidence as has been offered to them in support of the facts in the Petition upon which the Bill aforesaid was founded

The Bill entituled an Act to amend and revive an Act entitled an Act for the relief of poor distressed prisoners for Debt was read a second time and committed to Mr Ashfield Mr Woodruff and Lord Sterling and all other Members who attend to have Votes

The House continued till Tuesday December 8th 1761.

[1] See N. J. Archives, IX., 47.

The House met Present

The Honble Robert H. Morris, James Hude, Andrew Johnston, Peter Kemble; Lewis M Ashfield, Lord Stirling, Charles Read

Mr Read reported that he had obeyed the order of yesterday

Mr Hoogeland and Mr Flart[1] from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill entitled an Act for building a Court House and Goal in the County of Sussex which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second reading

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Fisher & Mr Stevens

Ordered that Mr Stevens & Mr Fisher do acquaint the Council in Answer to their Message of this day that the Bill for vacating Peter Gordons Lottery took its rise by Petition from sundry Persons complaining of being likely to be ruined by a mistake in Numbering the Tickets and the facts being publickly notorious a delay dangerous to the partys and the Lottery in itself against Law the House conceived it to be doing publick and private Justice that all concerned should be left as nigh as might be in the same situation they were in before they began the Lottery and these are the reasons on which the said Bill was formed.

by order of the House

ABRA. CLARK JUN Clk.

House of Assembly Decr 8th 1761

which Message being read And it not appearing by the same or any other Evidence before this House that publick Notice has been given of the Intention of the Trustees to apply for the Act referred to in s^d Message In order that the

[1] Hart.

Parties affected by it might have an Opportunity of being heard thereon

Resolved that the said Bill do lye on the Table till such publick Notice be given and proof thereof made to this House

The House continued till Wednesday Decr 9th 1761

The House met Present

The Honble	Robt H. Morris	Samuel Woodruff
	James Hude	Lord Stirling
	Andrew Johnston	Charles Read
	Lewis M. Ashfield	

Mr Woodruffe from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled an Act to amend and revive an Act entitled an Act for the relief of poor distressed Prisoners for debt reported the same without amendment

Which Bill was read the third time. On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Woodruff acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The Bill entitled an Act to continue the support of Government till the twenty-first day of May One thousand seven hundred and sixty three was read a second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

The Bill entitled an Act for building a Court house and a Goal in the County of Sussex was read a second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

The House continued till Thursday December the 10th 1761.

The House met present

The Honble	Robert H Morris	Samuel Woodruff
	James Hude	Lord Stirling
	Andrew Johnston	Charles Read.
	Lewis M. Ashfield	

Mr Woodruff reported that he had obeyed the Orders of yesterday

Lord Stirling from the Committee appointed to prepare the draft of an Address to his Excellency laid a draft of an Address before the House which being read was approved of

Mr Hude from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act effectually to prevent Horse raceing and gaming in the province of New Jersey reported the same without amendment

Which Bill was read the third time. On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Read reported he had obeyed the above order

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Clerk of the Council informed the House of Assembly that he was in the Council Chamber ready to receive them with their Address. The Speaker with the House attended and delivered to his Excellency the following address

To His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same &c

The humble Address of the Representatives of the said Province in General Assembly convened.

May it please your Excellency

We His Majestys dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives of New Jersey in General Assembly convened beg leave to congratulate your Accession to the Government of a Province happy in having our past endeavours for the Publick good accepted by a Sovereign the early proofs of whose paternal Affection demands the most conspicuous gratitude in every possible instance of Duty fidelity and Loyalty

It is a matter of great satisfaction to hear your Excel-

lencys early declarations of considering our happiness as one of the great Objects of your Care, and that our rights and Privileges will be always with you sacred and inviolable; we can assure your Excellency no Endeavours of ours will be wanting to render your Administration easy

In consideration of the extraordinary Expence attending the Transportation of yourself and Family hither in a time of War, we have added to your Salary for the first year, tho we had twice done it to new Governors before in the Course of three Years past, We should now think ourselfs happy that the Rotation might be at an end and that by your Excellencys long residence among us a growing aicquaintance might improve a mutual esteem and that the longer we live together the happier we may be in each other

By Order of the House

SAMUEL NEVILL Speaker

To which his Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer

I return you many thanks for your Address, as also for what you have thought proper to add to my Salary for the first year: as my Endeavours will be constantly exerted for the good of the Province, I hope to improve in your esteem and confidence

JOSIAH HARDY

Perth Amboy 10th Decr 1761.

Ordered that Lord Stirling and Mr Ashfield do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him that this House have agreed to an Address to His Excellency and beg to know when he will be pleased to receive the same,

Lord Stirling reported that he and Mr Ashfield had waited on the Governor who was pleased to appoint Saturday at Eleven o Clock to receive the Councils Address.

Mr Ashfield from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entitled an Act for building a Court house and Goal in the County of Sussex reported the same without amendment

Which Bill being read the third time on the Question
Resolved that the same do pass
Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same
Ordered that Mr Ashfield do acquaint the House therewith
Mr Ashfield reported that he had obeyed the above Order
Mr Leaming and Mr Miller from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill Entitled an Act to enable the owners and possessors of three several Tracts of Tide Meadow and Marsh lying and adjoining on the North side of Cohansey Creek alias Cæsaria River in the County of Cumberland in the Township of Hopewell to keep out the Tide from Overflowing the same And also the Petition of the Owners for the same which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second reading

Mr Stevens and Mr Smith from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill entitled an Act for paying sundry incidental charges

Also a Bill entitled an Act to impower the Churchwardens and Vestrymen of St Peters Church in the City of Perth Amboy to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for repairing the Church Parsonage School house and ferry house in said City

which Bill was read the first time & ordered a second reading

The House continued till Fryday Decr 11th 1761

The House met present

The Honble	Robert H. Morris	Richd Salter
	James Hude	Saml Woodruff
	Andrew Johnston	Lord Stirling
	Peter Kemble	Charles Read.
	Lewis M. Ashfield	

The Bill entitled an Act to enable the owners and possessors of three several Tracts of tide Meadow and Marsh lying

and Adjoining to the North side of Cohansey Creek &c was read a second time And it appearing to the House that the intention of the Partys to apply to the Legislature for such Act had been publickly Notifyed, Ordered the said Bill to be read a third time

Mr Kemble from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled an Act to continue the Support of Government 'till the twenty first day of May One thousand seven hundred and sixty three reported the same without amendment

Which Bill being read the third time on the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Kemble do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

The Bill entitled an Act to empower the Churchwardens and Vestry Men of Saint Peters Church in the City of Perth Amboy to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for repairing the Church &c was read the second time and committed to Mr Hude Mr Woodruff & Mr Read

Mr Kemble reported he had obeyed the above order

The Bill intitled an Act for paying sundry incidental charges was read a second time

The House continued 'till Saturday Decr 12th 1761

The House met. present

The Honble Robt H. Morris

James Hude, Lewis M Ashfield, Richard Salter, Saml Woodruff, Charles Read

The Bill Entituled an Act to enable the owners and possessors of three several Tracts of Meadow & Marsh lying and adjoining on the North side of Cohansey Creek &c to keep out the Tide &c was read the third time and On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled an Act to impower the Churchwardens and Vestry-Men of St Peters Church in the City of Perth Amboy to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for repairing the Church &c reported the same without amendment

Which Bill being read the third time, On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith. Mr Read reported that he had obey'd the above three orders

Mr Morris reported that the Council had waited on his Excellency and presented the following Address.

To His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr Captain general Governor and commander in chief in and over the province of Nova Cæsaria or New Jersey & Territories thereon depending in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same

The Address of his Majestys Council for the Province of New Jersey

May it please your Excellency

We heartily congratulate your Excellency upon your Accession to this Government and upon your safe arrival of yourself and Family, We thank your Excellency for your favourable Speech to both Houses at the Opening of this Session, and must beg leave to acknowledge our satisfaction in the Assurance you have given us of the Royal approbation of the Conduct of this Colony in the course of the present War, and in the tenderness you express for the Rights and Privileges of the people committed to your charge, by our most gracious Sovereign whose paternal care of all his Subjects gives us the highest reason to hope for all the happiness that can arise from a government in which the

Supreme Ruler makes the Laws the only Standard of his Conduct, and whose wise councils and vig'rous measures in a just and necessary war have already procured Success and Honour to the British Arms in all parts of the world, and we doubt not will ensure a peace glorious to Great Britain and that will give a lasting Security to its Colonys in North America

We are particularly thankful to your Excellency for the assurances you are pleased to give us of your own disposition to Harmony, it is our real inclination as well as duty to do every thing in our power to render your Administration Easy and Happy to yourself and beneficial to the People to promote unanimity, and dispatch of publick business, and to support a proper exertion of the Prerogatives of the Crown with a due regard to the libertys of the Subject, the proper tempering of which we esteem to be the perfection of our happy Constitution

By Order of the House

ROB^t H. MORRIS

To which His Excellency gave the following Answer

Gentlemen of the Council

I return you many thanks for your Address. The Assurances you give me of your inclination in general as also in regard to my Administration afford me particular satisfaction. I shall always esteem it my Duty to assist you in promoting the good of the Province.

JOSIAH HARDY

Mr Ashfield from the Committee on the Accounts of Andrew Johnston Esqr one of the Treasurers of the Province of New Jersey Reported the same as follows

Dr The Honble Andrew Johnston Esqr Treasurer of the Eastern Division, To the Colony of New Jersey. per Con. Cr

Old Deficiences

To the Deficiencies outstanding in Middlesex as per Report in Novr 1760...£18 ,, 18 ,, 5¼			By several old Deficiences mentioned on the Debr side which are fully explained in the report of Novr 1760 amounting to	177 ,, 7 ,, 3½
To another arrear in Middlesex as ꝑ Do..... 25 ,, — ,, —	43 ,, 18 , 5¼			
To Arrears in the Interest as ꝑr the same report Vizt				
Bergen..... 21 ,, 4 ,, 9¼				
Essex..... 72 ,, 6 ,, 5½				
Middlesex.... 38 ,, 12 ,, 7¼	132 ,, 3 ,, 10½			
To a deficiency in Somerset as per Do	1 ,, 5 ,, —			
	177 ,, 7 ,, 3½			

Dr The Honble Andrew Johnston Esqr Treasurer. Contra Cr

Support of Government

To the ballance reported in Novr 1760	2074 ,, 0 ,, 6¾	By sundry Vouchers, examined allowed and endorsed by the Committees the 8th Decr 1761 from March 20th 1759 to Novr 23rd 1761.....	£3865 ,, 0 ,, 3½
To the Taxes payable on the first Support Act Novr 21st 1769 from			
Middlesex.... 271 ,, 18 ,, 1½			
Monmouth... 394 ,, 6 ,, 0			
Essex..... 233 ,, 11 ,, 4½			
Somerset..... 334 ,, 19 ,, 8			
Bergen..... 197 ,, 14 ,, 0	1432 ,, 8 ,, 9		
To Ball. due to the Treasurer carrd to the War funds.....	358 ,, 10 ,, 11¾		
	£3,865 ,, 0 ,, 3½		

By order of the Committees
L. M. Ashfield
Aaron Leaming

Dr The Honble Andrew Johnston Esqr Treasurer of the Eastern Division of New Jersey Cr

Supplying the forces.

1759			
June 29. To ballance brot from Report of Novr 1760	£2543	„ 14	„ 8
To Cash received at times from the Signers of the last Emission of £50,000	24999	„ 18	„ 0
Oct. 23. To Cash returned by John Hoogland Muster Master	412	„ 4	„ 0
To Genl Amherst's Warrant for the Amount of an Acct of 4d ₩ day in lieu of Provisions to the Jersey Regiment from their Inlistment to their receiving the Kings Provision £710 „ 15 „ 0 Sterling which at the Exchange of 4s 8 ₩ Dollar is 1218 „ 8s „ 7d York Currency or	1124	„ 14	„ 1
1760. Septr 23 To Cash returned by Jacob Dehart one of the Comrs in 1735	119	„ 6	„ 8
To Cash received of the Signers of the 45000	22500	„ 0	„ 0
1761 Apl 6 To Do returned by Saml Sarjant & Andw Smyth	2	„ 3	„ 0
7. To Do by Henry Fisher Ballance reported in Novr 1760	9	„ 8	„ 0¼

By Ballance brought from the Account of the Support of Government	358	„ 10	„ 11¾
By a deficiency of one Sheet in the Article of 24,999 „ 18 „ 0 which is	15	„ 12	„ 0
By sundry Vouchers allowed and endorsed by the Committees Decr 8th 1761 from March 14th 1759 to Oct 25th 1760	36,861	„ 8	„ 2
By sundry other Vouchers from Novr 21st 1760 to Oct 30th 1761 allowed and endorsed by the Committees Decr 8th 1761	16,094	„ 14	„ 3¾

July 1. To D° of Mr Nevill a Signer of the £25000..	12497 „ 2 „ 0	Ballance due.....	11,873 „ 3 „ 3¾
Nov. To D° of Colonel Schuyler being the amount of the 4^d ℔ day in lieu of Provisions to the Provincial Regiment for the Campaign in 1760, after deducting £67 „ 18 „ 9 Stirling paid by Coll° Robertson to the Director of the Hospital £628 „ 14 „ 11^d Sterling which at the exchange of 4^s 8^d ℔ Dollar makes £1077 „ 17^s „ 1½^d York Currency is prod.....	994 „ 18 „ 10½		65,203 „ 9 „ 4
By Col° Schuylers Letter the Officers are included and are to be paid out of this Sum.			
	65,203 „ 9 „ 4		

By order of the Committees
L. M. Ashfield
Aaron Leaming

Dr The Honble Andrew Johnston Esqr Treasurer of C^r the Eastern division of New Jersey

Loan Office Principal

To a Deficiency in the Principal Money of the £20,000 & £40,000 Loan Office Emissions as per report the 21st June		By one bundle of Bills cancelled by the Justices & Freeholders of Monmouth the 31st August 1753	

1754, then outstanding in Monmouth	351 „ 12 „ 1¾	delivered to Mr Johnston July 25th 1754 — & which these Committees burned.....	353 „ 4 „ 5
To an Overplus of £1 „ 12s „ 3¼ which the Loan Officers of Monmouth cancelled too much and which we Advise that the Loan Office of Essex should repay to Monmouth and Cancell so much less in their Deficiency of 42 „ 16 „ 0 mentioned on the Credit side of this Account...	1 „ 12 „ 3¼	By one bundle of Loan Office money cancelled by the Justices & Freeholders of Essex said to contain £66 „ 7s „ 6d delivered to Mr Johnston March 1759 which these Committees burned	66 „ 7 „ 6
To a deficiency in the principal Money of the £20,000 & 40,000 Loan Office Emissions as per Report the 21st June 1754 in Essex County.	109 „ 3 „ 6	By part of the deficiency in the Loan Office principal still out-standing in Essex.	42 „ 16 „ 0
	462 „ 7 „ 4		£462 „ 7 „ 11

The said Treasurer also laid before the Committees, one bundle of ragged & torn Bills No 1 cancelled by the Justices & Freeholders of Middlesex May 8, 1751 containing..	206 „ 1 „ 6
One other Bundle of like Bills No 2 cancelled as above May 11th 1757 containing	355 „ 14 „ 0
	£561 „ 15 „ 6
Which two bundles were burned by the Committees	

John Ogden Esqr a Loan Officer of Essex being present says he can produce Accounts to prove that the Quota's of Essex are fully cancelled, Therefore the Committees recommend that the said Accounts be re-examined at some future sitting

By Order of the Committee

L. M. Ashfield
Aaron Leaming

Dr The Honble Andrew Johnston Esqr Treasurer of Cr the Eastern Division of New Jersey

On Acct of the Sinking funds

To a Tax payable from the several Eastern Counties the 21 Novr 1754 Vizt				By sundry parcels of Bills laid before the Justices and Freeholders & cancelled by them Vizt	
Middlesex on ths 1st sinking fund.....		£138 ,, 13 ,, 10¾		1755..1 Bundle No 1....£252 ,, 3 ,, 0	
Monmouth Do.....		200 ,, 14 ,, 1½		1756..1 Do No 2..... 526 ,, 0 ,, 0	
Essex Do.....		119 ,, 2 ,, 3½		1757..1 Do No 3..... 846 ,, 17 ,, 6	
Somerset Do.....		174 ,, 4 ,, 3			£1625 ,, 0 ,, 6
Bergen Do.....		100 ,, 18 ,, 1	£780 ,, 12 ,, 7¾		
To Do payable 21st Novr 1755.....			780 ,, 12 ,, 7¾		
Do 21st Novr 1756.....			780 ,, 12 ,, 7¾		
To the Tax payable 21st Novr 1757 Vizt					
Middx on the 1st sinking fund	138 ,, 13 ,, 10¾				
Do 1st £15000...	453 ,, 3 ,, 6¾	£591 ,, 17 ,, 5½			
Monmouth on the first sinking fund.....	200 ,, 14 ,, 1½				
Do 1st £15,000..	657 ,, 3 ,, 4½	£857 ,, 17 ,, 6			
Essex on the 1st sinking fund.....	119 ,, 2 ,, 3½				
Do 1st £15000...	389 ,, 5 ,, 8	£508 ,, 7 ,, 11½			
Somerset on the 1st sinkg fund.....	£171 ,, 4 ,, 3				
Do 1st £15000...	558 ,, 5 ,, 5	£729 ,, 9 ,, 8			
Bergen on the 1st sinkg fund.....	100 ,, 18 ,, 1			1758..1 Bundle of Bills No 4.....2953 ,, 6 ,, 6	
Do on the 1st 15000....	329 ,, 9 ,, 11½	£430 ,, 8 ,, 0½		1759..1 Do No 5.....3539 ,, 15 ,, 3	
			£3118 ,, 0 ,, 7½		6493 ,, 1 ,, 9
					8118 ,, 2 ,, 3

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On Acct of the Sinking funds.

To the Tax payable 21st Novr 1758 Vizt			
Middx on the 1st sinking fund	£138,,13,,10¾		
Do 1st £15,000..	453,, 3,, 6¾		
Do 2d Do	453,, 3,, 6¾	1045,, 1,, 0½	
Monmouth on the 1st sinkg fund.....	200,,14,, 1½		
Do 1st £15,000.	657,, 3,, 4½		
Do 2d Do	657,, 3,, 4½	1515,, 0,,10½	
Essex on the 1st sinkg fund....	119,, 2,, 3½		
Do 1st £15,000..	389,, 5,, 8		
Do 2d....	389,, 5,, 8	897,,13,, 7½	
Somerset on the 1st sinkg fund.....	171,, 4,, 3		
Do 1st £15,000..	558,, 5,, 5		
Do 2d Do	558,, 5,, 5	1287,,15,, 1	
Bergen on the 1st sinking fund	100,,18,, 1		
Do 1st £15,000..	329,, 9,,11¼		
Do 2d Do	329,, 9,,11¼	759,,17,,11½	
			5506,, 8,, 6¾
To the Tax payable 21st Novr 1759 in the same proportions.....			5505,, 8,, 6¾
To Cash from Daniel Smith & Wm Cook, by the hands of John Stevens and John Johnston omitted...			1840,, 0,, 0

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An Acct of the Sinking funds

To the Tax payable 21st Novr 1760 Vizt		
Middlesex County payment of 1st Sinking fund.....	188,, 18,, 10¾	
3d paymt of 2d £15000...	433,, 3,, 6¾	
quota of 3d £10000...	906,, 7,, 1½	1478,, 4,, 7
Monmouth payment of 1st sinking fund	200,, 14,, 1½	
3d paymt of 2d £15,000..	657,, 3,, 4½	
quota of 3d £10,000..	1314,, 6,, 9	2172,, 4,, 3
Essex payment of 1st sinking fund.....	119,, 2,, 3½	
3d paymt of 2d £15,000..	389,, 5,, 8	
quota of 3d £10,000..	778,, 11,, 4	1286,, 19,, 3½
Somerset payment of 1st sinking fund	171,, 4,, 3	
3d paymt of 2d £15,000..	558,, 5,,	
quota of 3d £10,000..	1116,, 10,, 10	1846,, 0,, 6
1760..1 Bundle of Bills No 6.....	5635,, 2,, 6	
1761..1 Do No 7.....	7398,, 5,, 3	
		13033,, 7,, 9
		£21151,, 10,, 0
Ballance due to the Province.....		4333,, 2,, 2¼
		25584,, 12,, 2¼

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On Acct of the Sinking funds.

Bergen payment of 1st sinking fund.....	100,, 18,, 1		
3d paymt of 2d £15.000..	329,, 9,, 11¼		
quota of 3d £10,000.	658,, 19,, 10½	1089,, 7,, 10¾	7872,, 16,, 6¼
			£25384,, 12,, 2¾

By order of the Committees

L. M Ashfield

Aaron Leaming

Mr Leaming and Mr Hart from the House of Assembly waited on this House to inform the Council that they had no business now before them and desires to know Whether this House had any matters before them, if they had not the House of Assembly proposed to apply to his Excellency for a dismission

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do inform the Assembly that the Council have no business now before them to prevent their application to his Excellency for a dismission

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary required the attendance of the House of Assembly they attended when he was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills

I. An Act to continue the Support of Government to the twenty first day of May One thousand seven hundred and sixty three

II. An Act to amend and revive an Act Entitled an Act for the relief of poor distressed Prisoners for debt

III. An Act Effectually to prevent Horse raceing and Gaming in the Province of New Jersey

IV. An Act for building a Court house & Goal in the County of Sussex

V. An Act for Paying sundry incidental charges

VI. An Act to empower the Churchwardens and Vestrymen of Saint Peters Church in the City of Perth Amboy to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for repairing the Church Parsonage Schoolhouse & Ferryhouse in said City

VII. An Act to enable the owners and possessors of three several Tracts of Meadow & Marsh lying and adjoining on the North side of Cohansey Creek alias Cæsaria River in the County of Cumberland in the Township of Hopewell from Overflowing the same

After which he made the following speech to both Houses

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

It gives me great pleasure to see the business of this Session carried through with so much Spirit and dispatch, I will not at this Session detain you any longer from your domestic concerns, but do prorogue the Assembly to the 20th day of January then to meet at Burlington; and they are prorogued accordingly.

Perth Amboy JOSIAH HARDY
Decr 12 1761

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Fryday the 30th day of October 1761.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
Andrew Johnston
James Hude
Peter Kemble
David Ogden
Lewis Morris Ashfield
Samuel Wood
} Esqrs

The Right Honble William Earl of Stirling

His Excellency Administered the Oaths prescribed by Law and directed by his Majestys Commission, to Mr Johnston, and he made and subscribed the Declaration appointed by Law.

His Excellency by & with the Advice of Council signed the following Warrants.

		s	d.
N° 82.	To His Excellency Thomas Boone Esqr or order for Sixty nine days Salary as Governor of this province ending the 29th day of this Instt October...£189	„ 0	„ 9
83.	To His Excellency Thomas Boone Esqr or order for sixty nine days House Rent Ending the 29th day of this Instt October.....	11 „ 6	„ 6

The General Assembly of this Province standing prorogued to the first day of November next, the Council Advised His Excellency further to prorogue them to the Thirtyeth of November next, then to meet for the dispatch of Business at the City of Perth Amboy. His Excellency thereupon ordered the following Proclamation to be Issued under the Great Seal for that purpose.

George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, & Ireland King defender of the Faith &c whereas the General Assembly of our province of New Jersey stands prorogued untill the first day of November next, We have thought fit further to prorogue the said General Assembly untill the thirtyeth day of November next, and the said General Assembly is hereby accordingly prorogued untill the said Thirtyeth day of November next, then to meet at Perth Amboy, whereof all our Subjects are to Take Notice & govern themselves accordingly. In Testimony whereof we have Caused the Great Seal of our said province of New Jersey to be hereunto affixed. Witness our Trusty & well beloved Josiah Hardy Esqr our Captain General & Governor

in Chief in and over our province of New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor & Vice Admiral in the same &c at Perth Amboy. the Thirtyeth day of October in the first year of our reign.

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At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the Third day of November 1761.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude } Esq^rs
Samuel Woodruff

R^t Honble William Earl of Stirling

His Excellency Observed to the Board that it would be Necessary to Issue New Commissions for the Courts of pleas and of the peace to the Several Countys, And also to renew the Commissions to the Several Sherriffs, that the Administration of Justice might be Carried on in the name and under the Authority of his present Majesty, and as he was an Intire Stranger to the Inhabitants Desired the Council would recommend to him fit and proper persons to be appointed Judges, Justices and Sherriffs in the Several Countys whereupon the Board Taking the Matter into their Consideration recommended proper person to be appointed in the respective Countys of whom His Excellency was pleased to approve, And Ordered the Several Commissions to be made out accordingly.

His Excellency was also pleased to Order a Dedimus potestatem to be made out for Each of the County's, And that the Members of the Council and the Attorney General should be named in Each Dedimus Together with the Three first Judges of each County respectively.

His Excellency was also pleased by the Unanimous Advice of the Board to order a Commission to be made out appoint-

ing Cortland Skinner Esqr Attorney & Advocate General of the province, he having for many years past Executed that Office with great Fidelity & Ability.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the first day of December 1761.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude
Andrew Johnston
Peter Kemble
Lewis M. Ashfield
} Esq^{rs}

His Excellency was pleased to Administer to Mr Read the Oaths to the Government and Caused him to make & Subscribe the Declaration; And also the Oath of a privy Councellor. Then Mr Read took his Seat at the Board.

His Excellency proposed to the Board Jacob Van Oastrant and Abraham Van Est to be Justices of the peace in Somerset County, and Francis Brasier to be a Justice of the Peace in Middlesex County, to which the Council Assented.

His Excellency laid before the Board a Petition from Job Stockton and others Freeholders of the County of Somerset Complaining that William McDonald was appointed Sheriff of said County and that neither he or his Sureties were qualified agreeable to the Laws of this province, ordered that a Copy of the petition be served on the said William McDonald and that the parties be heard on Tuesday next.

His Excellency Observed to the Board that Application has been made to him by Mr Chief Justice Morris in behalf of himself and Samuel Nevill & Richard Saltar Esqr Justices of the Supreme Court of this province, for a renewal of their respective Commissions and desired the Opinion of the Board thereupon. Whereupon the Board Unanimously Advised His Excellency to renew their respective Commissions

His Excellency Thereupon Ordered Commissions to be Issued Accordingly.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Tuesday December 8th 1761.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude
Peter Kemble
Lewis M. Ashfield
Samuel Woodruff
Lord Stirling
Charles Read

His Excellency proposed Joseph Skelton to be added to the Commission of the peace for Middlesex County, and John Stiles & Daniel Pierson to be added to the Commission of the Peace in Essex County, to which the Council Assented. Agreeable to the order of the first Inst the parties from Somerset being called up they did not appear, whereupon the hearing of the parties upon the Subject Matter of said Petition is put off till Thursday next.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Thursday December 10th 1761.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Robert H. Morris
James Hude
Peter Kemble
Lewis Morris Ashfield
Samuel Woodruff
The Rt Honble William Earl of Stirling
Charles Read Esqr

His Excellency laid before the Board Two Letters from the Right Honb^le Mr Secretary Pitt one dated at Whitehall the 11th of September 1761.

S^r

It is with the greatest pleasure I am now to acquaint you that his Majesty's Marriage with the Princess Charlotte of Meclenbourg Strelitz, who landed at Harevich on the seventh Ins^t was happily Celebrated on the next Evening in the Royal Chappel at St James's.

I sincerely Congratulate you on this happy Event which Cannot fail to give the highest satisfaction and Joy to all his Majestys faithful Subjects.

The other Letter dated at Whitehall 28th September 1761.

S^r

I have the Satisfaction to Inform you that their Majestys were Crowned at Westminster on Tuesday the 22nd Instant with the Accustomed Ceremonies on like Occasions, the particulars whereof are Inserted in the Enclosed Gazette

His Excellency laid before the Board His Majestys Royal Instruction to him, Dated at Whitehall the twenty ninth day of September last Signifying the Royal Will and pleasure that in all prayers Littanies & Collects where the Royal Family is prayed for within this province the following form or order of words be used Viz: Our Gracious Queen Charlotte, her Royal highness the Princess Dowager of Wales and all the Royal Family.

Whereupon the Council Advise his Excellency to notify the same by Proclamation

Which His Excellency Ordered to be Issued in the following words.

By His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr Captain General & Governor in Chief in & over the Province of New Jersey and Territories thereon Depending in America, Chancellor & Vice Admiral in the same &^c

A. Proclamation

Whereas His Majesty for the good of his Loyal Subjects and further to Secure the Succession of the Crown of Great Britain in his Royal Lineage hath been pleased to Espouse Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte of Meclenbourg Strelitz, which marriage was happily Solemnized in the Royal Chappel at St James's on the Eighth day of September last, and his Majesty having been pleased by his Royal Instruction to me dated at Whitehall the twenty ninth day of September last to order & Direct that in all Prayers Littanies & Collects where the Royal Family is prayed for the following words should be used Viz^t Our Gracious Queen Charlotte, Her Royal Highness the Princess Dowager of Wales and all the Royal Family. In order that an Exact Obedience should be paid to his Majestys Commands to me, I have thought fit by & with the Advise of His Majestys Council to Notify the same by proclamation hereby Strictly Enjoining all Ministers of the Gospel and all other his Majestys Subjects in this province to Conform Exactly & pay due Obedience thereto.

Given under my hand & Seal at Arms, in Council, at Perth Amboy, the Tenth day of December in the second year of his Majestys reign. 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from the Right Honb^le The Earl of Egremont dated at Whitehall October 9th 1761. Informing his Excellency that his Majesty had been graciously pleased to grant Mr Pitts request to retire from Business and that his Majesty had been pleased to appoint the said Earl of Egremont Secretary of State for the Southern Department.

Agreeable to the order on Tuesday last William McDonald the Sheriff of Somerset attended and none of the petitions appearing to Support the Allegations in their petition Setforth, The said William McDonald produced to His Excellency & the Board to Deeds of Conveyance to himself & his heirs

for Tracts of Land in the County of Somerset, one of which is dated the Eighth day of November 1758. and it appearing also that the Securitys for the faithfull performance of his Office of Sheriff of said County were freeholders in said County and that his Absence from the County was in the Service of the Province, and therefore Cannot Opperate to his prejudice. The Council Therefore unanimously Advised His Excellency to Renew the Commission of the said William McDonald as Sheriff of the County of Somerset.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Saturday the 12th day of December 1761.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honbl Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude
Andrew Johnston
Lewis Morris Ashfield
Richard Saltar
Samuel Woodruff
Wm Earl of Stirling
Charles Read

Mr Saltar took the Oaths to the Government and also the Oath of a Councillor and took his Seat Accordingly.

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris Esqr took the Oaths to the Government and the Oath for the due and Impartial Execution of the Office of Chief Justice

And The Right Honble The Earl of Stirling Also took the Oaths to the Government and the Oath for the due Execution of the Office of Surveyor General of the Lands in the Eastern Division of the province of New Jersey.

His Excellency proposed that Jonathan Pettit, Obediah Ayres, Lemuel Barret, & John Van Campen should be left out of the Commission of the peace for the County of Sussex,

And that Jacob Starn & Nathan Pettit should be added to the said Commission.

That John Anderson of Lebanon, should be added to the Commission of the Peace in Hunterdon.

That William Inlay & Thomas Rodman be added to the Commission of the peace in Burlington County, And Henry Paxson be made one of the Judges.

That Samuel Clements, Robert Fr[d] Price, and Daniel Leeds be Added to the Commission of the peace in Gloucester.

That a Judges Commission be not Issued to Jonathan Sarjeant as one of the Judges in Hunterdon, as formerly ordered.

That Amos Harrison be put into the Commission of the peace in Essex, in the Stead of Caleb Crane who is Very Infirm in body.

To all which the Council Assented.

After which His Excellency was pleased to sign the following Warrants.

		£	s	d
N° 1.	To himself or order, being the sum granted in addition to his first years Salary	500 „	0 „	0
2.	To The Honb[le] Robert Hunter Morris Esq[r] for his Salary as Chief Justice of New Jersey, for one year & a half Ending the 21st of November last...	150 „	0 „	0
3.	To Samuel Nevill Esq[r] Second Justice of the Supreme Court for a quarter Salary ending 21st November last...	6 „	5 „	0
4.	To Samuel Nevill Esq[r] for a Quarters Additional Salary due 21st August last	6 „	5 „	0
5.	To Samuel Nevill Esq[r] for a Quarters Additional Salary due 21st November last	6 „	5 „	0

6. To Richard Saltar Esqr third Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quaters Salary due 21st November last.....	6 „	5 „	0
7. To Cortland Skinner Esqr Attorney General for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st November last.....	7 „	10 „	0
8. To Charles Read Esqr Clerk of the Council for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Novenber last.....	7 „	10 „	0
9. To Andrew Johnston Esqr one of the Treasurers of New Jersey for a quarters Salary ending 21st November last.....	10 „	0 „	0
10. To Andrew Johnston Esqr for Extraordinary Services ℔ Support Act of 1760.....	15 „	0 „	0
11. To Samuel Smith Esqr one of the Treasurers of New Jersey for a Quarters Salary ending 21st Novr 1761.....	10 „	0 „	0
12. To Samuel Smith Esqr for Extraordinary Services allowed in Support Act of 1760.....	15 „	0 „	0
13. To John Smyth Esqr Clerk of the Circuits for a Quarters Salary ending 21st of November last	5 „	0 „	0
14. To Joseph Sherwood Agent for this Colony at the Court of Great Britain for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st November last.....	20 „	0 „	0
15. To Richard Hughes Door Keeper of the Council for a Quarters Salary ending 21st November last.....	2 „	10 „	0
16. To Andrew Johnston Esqr one ℔ cent on £7398 „ 5 „ 3 Cancelled Bills ℔ Certificate produced.....	73 „	19 „	7

17. To Andrew Johnston Esq[r] for the Use of a Council Room for this and two former Sittings of Gen[l] Assembly...	7 „	0 „	0
18. To Charles Read Esq[r] Secretary in full for Expresses to this day, allowed in Act passed this day.....	53 „	11 „	3
19. To Abraham Clark Jun[r] for his Attendance as Clerk of the Assembly £10. and for pen Ink & paper Allowed by Act passed this day £15.....	25 „	0 „	0
20. To Miles Weeks for 13 days attendance as Door Keeper of the House of Assembly this Session.....	2 „	5 „	6

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the 16th day of February 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esq[r]

The Honb[le] Andrew Johnston, Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read } Esq[rs]

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from the Right Honb[le] The Earl of Egremont one of his Majestys Principal Secretarys of State dated at Whitehall the twelfth day of December last,[1] signifying His Majestys pleasure that this Colony should Raise for the next year a Number of men to Secure his Conquests in America, and he desired the Advice of this Board as to the Steps most proper to Carry his Majestys Commands into Execution

The Council Advise His Excellency to Summon the General Assembly to meet at Burlington, on Tuesday the Second day of March next, in order to Lay the Subject Matter of said Letter before them.

[1] See N. J. Archives, IX., 330.

At a Council held at Burlington March 5th 1762.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
Lord Sterling
Charles Read

His Excellency proposed the following Gentlemen as Officers in the County of Bergen Vizt

George Ryerse Jacobus Peake Rynear Vangeesen Lawrence L. Vanbuskirk Jacobus Tilsort	to be Judges of the Pleas	John Ryerse Capt George Vreeland Abraham Governeur	Justices of Quorum

James Board Peter Zabrises Denck Vangesen Henry Cooper Ruldf Westervelt Abraham Sickells Stephen Baldwin John Berry Junr Basent Cole	Justices.
John Demarest.	Coroner.
William Kingsland	Sherriff.

His Excellency Proposed William Dow to be added to the Commission of the Peace for the County of Essex.

That the Dedimus Potestatem for the County of Bergen do Issue to the Gentlemen of the Council, the Attorney General, To Colle John Schuyler and David Provoost Esqr

To all which the Council Assented.

Mr Morris informed His Excellency & the Board that John Wardell Esqr one of the Coroners had qualified as a Judge

of the Inferior Court of Common Pleas in the County of Monmouth and it became Necessary to Issue a Writ for the Election of a Coroner in that County in the Stead of the said Mr Wardell

His Excellency ordered that the Writ Issue accordingly.

At a Council held at Burlington, on the 10th day of March 1762.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

Mr Morris
Lord Stirling
Mr Read

Ordered that the Stile of first Judge be given in the Commission to the Eldest Judge of the different County Courts.

His Excellency Proposed John Garrison to be a Judge & Justice of the Quorum, Joseph Reading, Jacob Matason, Benjamin Temple, Henry Woolsey, Azariah Hunt, William Pettit Junr and John Stout to be Justices of the peace in Hunterdon.

Thomas Rodman to be a Judge & Justice of the peace in the County of Burlington.

William Potts, Thomas Watson, & David Oliphant Justices in the same County.

That Edward Doughty be a Justice of the Quorum in Gloucester County.

That Ranaer Vanhist be a Judge and Justice of the Quorum and Thomas Sayres a Justice in Salem County.

That Joseph Ogden & Jonathan Bowen be added to the Commission of the peace in Cumberland.

To all which the Council Assented.

His Excellency with the Advice of Council Issued the following Proclamation.

By His Excellency

Josiah Hardy Esqr Captain General & Commander in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province of New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same &^c

A Proclamation

Whereas his Majesty in the Prosecution of this Necessary & Glorious War may find it for the good of his Service to withdraw his Regular Troops from the Garrisons in North America, in order to Employ them for a Season in a more Active manner, and having Notified his Royal Will in this Respect to me: The Legislature of this Colony has made Amply provision for a Time in the Act Limitted, for Recruiting the New Jersey Regiment to six hundred and Sixty-six Effective Volunteers and allowed them a Bounty, pay and Articles of Cloathing sufficient to Induce their Inlistment with provision for a Surgeon and his Mate to Take proper Care of such as may fall sick, I have thought proper by and with the advice of his Majestys Council to Issue this Proclamation to Notify the same to the Inhabitants and Earnestly Invite them to Enlist Speedily & Chearfully into a Service so Essential to the good and prosperity of their Country.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, at Burlington the Tenth day of March in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred & sixty two.

JOSIAH HARDY

His Excellency with the Advice of Council Issued the following Warrants

N° 21.	To himself or order, for his Salary as Captain General of the Colony from the 29th of October 1761 to the 21st of February last.....	315 „ 15 „ 0
22.	To himself or order for House Rent the same time.....	18 „ 18 „ 7

23. To Robert Hunter Morris Esqr Chief Justice for a Quarters Salary ending 21st February last.....	25 „	0 „	0
24. To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court for a quarters Salary Ending 21st February last...	6 „	5 „	0
25. To Richard Saltar Esqr 3^{d} Justice of the Supreme Court, for a quarters Salary ending 21 : February last....	6 „	5 „	0
26. To Cortland Skinner Esqr Attorney General for a quarters Salary Ending 21st February last.....	7 „	10 „	0
27. To Andrew Johnston Esqr one of the Treasurers of New Jersey for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st of February last.....	10 „	0 „	0
28. To Samuel Smith Esqr one of the Treasurers of New Jersey for a Quarters Salary ending 21st February last..	10 „	0 „	0
29. To Charles Read Esqr Clerk of the Council for a Quarters Salary ending 21 : February last.....	10 „	0 „	0
30. To John Smyth Esqr Clerk of the Circuits for a Quarters Salary Ending 21 : February last.....	5 „	0 „	0
31. To Samuel Smith for the use of Joseph Sherwood Agent of this Colony, for a quarters Salary ending 21st February last.....	20 „	0 „	0
32. To Samuel Smith for the Use of the Ex^{rs} of Richard Partridge Esqr late Agent of this Colony being in full of his Account by Support Bill passed in the year 1760.....	152 „	9 „	2
33. To Samuel Nevill Esqr for a Quarters Additional Salary as second Justice			

	of the Supreme Court Ending 21: February last.....	6 „ 5 „ 0
34.	To Andrew Robinson one of the Sarjants at Arms to the House of Assembly for 26 days Attendance at the two last Sessions at Amboy.....	3 „ 18 „ 0
35.	To Thomas Wetherill one of the Serjeants at Arms to the House of Assembly for 13 days Attendance at this and the last Sessions of Assembly at Burlington.....	1 „ 19 „ 0
36.	To Anthony Elton Serjeant at Arms to the Council for 13 days attendance at this and the last Session at Burlington.....	1 „ 19 „ 0
37.	To David Overton Doorkeeper of the Assembly for 13 days Atttendance at this and the last sitting at Burlington.....	2 „ 5 „ 6

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the 22nd day of March 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, Andrew Johnston, Charles Read } Esqrs

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from The Honble John Temple Esqr Surveyor General of the Northern District of America, dated at Boston the 20th Ultimo desiring that he would Issue a Proclamation ordering the Civil & Military Officers of this Government to assist him & the Officers of his Majestys Revenue in the discharge of their Respective Duties.

His Excellency further Informed the Board that he had Received from the proper Boards in England a due Notification of Mr Temples appointment to that Office.

His Excellency by Advice of the Board Issued the following Proclamation.

By His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr
Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor & Vice Admiral in the same &c

A Proclamation

Whereas his Majesty by his Royal order to me has Directed that I should to the Utmost of my power Cause the Acts of Trade to be Strictly Observed within this Province, And I having received proper Notification That The Right Honble the Commissioners of Treasury have appointed The Honble: John Temple Esqr Surveyor General of the Customs of the Northern District of America, In Pursuance of his Majestys order and the Request of the Surveyor General for that purpose I have thought proper by and with the Advice of his Majestys Council to Issue this Proclamation hereby Commanding all Officers Civil and Military within this province and all others whom it may Concern to give all Assistance in their power to the Surveyor General & all other the Officers of his Majestys Customs in the performance of their Respective Duties as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, at Perth Amboy, in New Jersey, the twenty second day of March 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY

His Excellency proposed John Chamberlain to be added as a Justice in Middlesex, And William Ennys to be Added as a Justice in Sussex, to which the Council Assented.

His Excellency Informed the Board that there had been some Mistake in the placing of the Names in the Commission of the Peace in Middlesex.

Ordered that the late Commission be Inspected and the Rank Regulated.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the sixth day of April 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honb^{ble} Robert Hunter Morris
Andrew Johnston
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
} Esq^{rs}

His Excellency laid the Board a Letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of Egremont his Majestys Principal Secretary of State, dated at Whitehall January 7th 1762, Inclosing His Majestys Declaration of War against the King of Spain on the 2nd day of the same month, which Letter and Declaration being Read.

His Excellency Informed the Board that he should pursuant to his Majestys orders to him, publish His Majestys said Declaration of War, to Morrow, in this Town, and that he had Ordered the Militia of this County to attend the said Publication.

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst dated at New York the second Instant Informing him that his Majesty had Commanded a Detachment of Regulars & Provincials to be Embarked from New York on an Expedition of the Utmost Inportance, That he had in pursuance of these Orders fixed upon the Number of Provincials to be Employed on that Service, And requiring Two hundred & Seven men with one Field Officer Two Captains and other Officers in Proportion to that Number, to

be formed Immediately from the Quota now raising in this province, And to be sent to New York the place appointed for their Rendezvous, furnished in the usual manner.

His Excellency acquainted the Board that by the Returns made to him by the Recruiting officers he found that upward of five hundred & fifty men were Already raised, from which he proposed to Detach the number demanded by the General, but as the Act for raising the Regiment made provision only for one field officer and this Detachment made Two necessary, he desired the Opinion of the Board Whether he should Call the Assembly, or what should be done. Whereupon the Board Advised his Excellency to appoint a Field Officer for the Command of the Detachment & make no doubt but the Assembly would make provision for him when they meet, but think it will be Improper for his Excellency to call the Assembly for that particular purpose.

His Excellency Laid before the Board his Majestys Order in Council of the second of January last, which was read and is as follows.

At the Court at S[t] James's the Second day of January 1762.

Present

The Kings most Excellent Majesty

His Royal Highness the Duke of York

Arch Bishop of York	Earl of Thomond
Lord President	Viscount Falmouth
Lord Privy Seal	Viscount Barrington
Lord Chaimberlain	Viscount Ligonier
Duke of Argyll	Bishop of London
Duke of Newcastle	Lord Berkeley of Stratton
Lord Steward	Lord Bathurst
Earl of Huntington	Lord Sandys
Earl of Albermarle	Lord Anson
Earl of Cholmondeley	Lord Melcombe

Earl of Kinnout	Lord Grantham
Earl of Bute	James Stewart Mackenzie Esqr
Earl of Powie	George Grenville Esqr
Earl of Egremont	Charles Townshend Esqr
Earl of Hardwicke	

Whereas by Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain, the Governor, Council and Assembly of his Majestys Province of New Jersey, are Authorized and Impowered, to make Constitute and Ordain Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, for the publick peace, Welfare and good Government of the said Province, which Laws Statutes and Ordinances, are to be, as near as Conveniently may be, Agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdon, and to be Transmitted for His Majestys Royal Approbation or Disallowance: And whereas in pursuance of the said power, Two Acts have been passed in the said province in April 1761 and Transmitted, Entituled as follows Viz^{t}

"An Act for Obviating Doubts Respecting the Acts of "Assembly passed last Session, and for Confirming the Pro- "ceedings in the Courts of Justice in this province since the "demise of his late Majesty

"An Act for the Relief of Francis Goelet.

Which Acts having been perused and Considered by the Lords Commiss^{ers} for Trade and Plantations, and by them presented to his Majesty at this Board for his Royal Disallowance, His Majesty was this day pleased with the Advice of his privy Council to Declare his Disallowance of both the said Acts. And pursuant to his Majestys Royal pleasure thereupon Expressed, The said Acts are hereby Repealed, Declared Void, and of none Effect, whereof the Governor, or Commander in Chief of his Majestys province of New Jersey, for the time being, and all others, whom it may Concern, are to Take Notice, & Govern themselves accordingly.

W: Blair.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the 7th day of April 1762.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris, Andrew Johnston, David Ogden } Esqrs

His Excellency by and with the Unanimous Advice of the Council appointed Fryday the Thirtyeth day of this Instant April, for a day of Fasting & Humiliation throughout this Province, and his Excellency was pleased to Issue a proclamation for that purpose in the following words.

By His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief in and over the province of Nova Cæsarea, or New Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor & Vice Admiral in the Same &c

A Proclamation.

We Cannot Reflect on the Extraordinary Blessings with which God has lately favoured us without a due Sense of our own Unworthiness: It therefore behoves us in the Midst of Joy and Thanksgiving to be mindfull of our Infirmities, & deprecate the Wrath due to our Offences. Wherefore I have thought fit to appoint, and by & with the Advice of his Majestys Council, I do appoint Fryday the Thirtyeth day of this Instt April, to be a day of Fasting and Humiliation, wherein the Ministers of the Gospel within this Province, with their several Congregations, shall prostrate themselves before the Throne of Grace, humbly praying forgiveness for their Manifold Sins, and Supplicating that they may not on account thereof be deprived of the further Assistance of the Divine Providence in the necessary Prosecution of the War, until a Just & honourable Peace shall be Obtained. And I do order and Enjoin all Magistrates & Officers, that they

take due Care, that the said day be observed as a day Set apart for Religious Duties, and that no Servile Labour be permitted on the Same.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, in Council, at Perth Amboy, in New Jersey, the Seventh day of April, in the second year of His Majestys Reign Anno Domini 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the 9th day of April 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
Andrew Johnston } Esqrs
David Ogden

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Sir Jeffry Amherst dated at New York the 7th of this Inst Requesting that His Excellency would be pleased to Call the Assembly together, as soon as possible, And Represent to them the Necessity of their making provision for Raising the Number of men Required of this province, for filling up the Regular Corps.

Whereupon the Council Advise His Excellency to Summon the General Assembly to meet at Amboy, on Munday the twenty Sixth day of this Instant April, in order to lay the Subject Matter of the said Letter before them.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Monday the 26th day of April 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

Mr Morris
Mr Hude
Mr Kemble Mr Johnston
Rt Honble Earl of Stirling
Mr Read.

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from The Honb^le Cadwallader Colden Esqr Lieutenant Governor of the Province of New York, to him, dated the Ninth day of March last wherein he Requests his Excellency that if he should be of Opinion that Conciliating Methods would Still prove Ineffectual he would Recommend to the Council & Assembly of New Jersey the passing of a Law declaring the Soil on part of the point of Sandy Hook for the purpose of Erecting a Light House to be Vested in such Trustees as should be hereafter appointed by an Act of the General Assembly of the Colony of New York on the Terms Set forth in the Agreement of Robert & Eeck Hartshorne, of which he Enclosed a Copy with Copies of such Letters as had passed between some persons in New York and the said Robert and Eeck Hartshorne, on the purchase, And His Excellency desired the Advice of the Council as to the Steps best to be Taken on the Occasion.

The Council Advise His Excellency to write to the said Robert and Eeck Hartshorne Informing of this application, And that if their Agreements have been made, to Advise them to Execute Such Agreements, and that in failure he should lay Mr Coldens Letter & papers Enclosed before the Legislature at their next Sessions.

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Sir Jeffry Amherst, dated at New York the 15th Instant Requesting that His Excellency would Take such Steps as he should think best for Effectually prohibiting any kind of provisions from being Shiped at any of the ports within this province, except for his Majestys Service, he having Undoubted proofs of the Enemys being Supplied with provisions from Almost every port on the Continent of N. America

Whereupon His Excellency by Advice of the Board Issued the following proclamation.

By His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr Captain General & Commander in Chief in & over the province of New

Jersey & Territories thereon depending in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the Same &c

A Proclamation

His Majesty having been Several years Engaged in a War with France and having found it necessary for the Honour of his Crown the Welfare of his Subjects and prosperity of his Dominions to Declare War against the King of Spain has Commanded me to be very Vigilant & Active to prevent the Enemy from having any Supply of Provisions from this province. I have thought fit by & with the Advice of his Majestys Council to Issue this Proclamation hereby forbidding any person or persons in this province having any Correspondence or Communication with his Majestys Enemies. And Strictly Charging & Commanding the officers of his Majestys Customs, and all Officers Civil & Military within this Colony to use their Utmost Endeavours that no provision whatever be Carried out of this province to any of his Majestys Enemies or to any Neutral Port.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, in Council at Perth Amboy, in New Jersey, the twenty-sixth day of April 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Tuesday the 27th day of April 1762

Present
His Excellency Govr Hardy

Mr Morris }
Mr Read }

Mr Josiah Broadwell who had been left out of the Commission of the peace for the County of Essex Informed His Excellency and the Board that he Suspected something Disadvantageous to his Character has been Suggested to his

Excellency & the Council to Cause his name being left out of the said Commission.

His Excellency acquainted Mr Broadwell that the Council Books had been Searched & that nothing Reflecting on his Character had been Offered to His Excellency & the Council.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Wednesday 28th day of April 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honb^le Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude
Peter Kemble
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
Earl of Stirling
Charles Read

Samuel Nevill Esqr second Justice of the Supreme Court laid before His Excellency & the Council three Depositions. Taken the 24th day of April Ins^t before Daniel Pierson Esqr one of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for the County of Essex proving a Dangerous Riot to have been Committed in that County on the Tenth of April Instant, And Also another on the 19th Ins^t in the said County of Essex.

His Excellency and the Board taking into their Consideration the great Confusion and Disturbance of the General Peace Occasioned a few years ago in this Colony by the Unwarrantable proceedings by Rioters and the Oposition given by them to the Just Execution of the Laws, in the same part of the province.

Ordered that the following proclamation do Issue immediately to be sent to the Sherriff of Essex, And that he Should Cause the same to be Affixed in the most public places in the s^d County of Essex and of the Adjacent Countys of Morris & Bergen.

By His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr
Captain General & Governor in Chief in and over the province of New Jerssy and Territories thereon depending in America Chancellor & Vice Admiral in the same &c

A Proclamation

Whereas I have Received Authentic Proof of one Dangerous Riot having been Committed on the Tenth day of this Instant April, and Another on the nineteenth day of the same month both in the County of Essex, And Considering the great Confusion & Violation of the public peace Occasioned but a few years Since by the Unwarrantable Opposition given by numbers of Evil Minded persons Associated on such Occasion to the Just & Legal Administration of Justice which Proceeding brought great Distress and Ruin of many persons Concerned therein. I have therefore thought fit in order to prevent the like Calamities for the future by & with the Advice & Consent of his Majestys Council to Issue this proclamation hereby Requiring all his Majestys Leige Subjects to Continue in their Obedience to the Laws of the Land and not be Aiding or Assisting to any Disturbers of his Majestys peace in any manner Whatever And I do Order & hereby Direct His Majestys Attorney General and all Officers Civil & Military within this Colony to be very Active & Vigilant in Suppressing Every Attempt to disturb the Public Peace and to bring the Delinquents to Justice Agreeable to the Strictest Rules of Law as they will answer the Contrary at their Peril.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, in Council, at Perth Amboy, in New Jersey, the twenty Eighth day of April Anno Dom: 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY

His Excellency by Advice of Council signed the following Warrant

	£.	s.	d.
N° 38. To Samuel Nevill Esqr being the Remaining part of £558 „ 1^s „ 6^d Allowed for 387 Books of the Laws, for Delivering of which he produced Certificates, Allowed ℔ Support Bill of 20th of November 1760.....	390 „	1 „	6

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the twenty Ninth day of April 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honb^le Robert Hunter Morris
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff } Esq^rs

His Excellency by and with the Advice of Council was pleased to Issue the following

Proclamation

Whereas it is essentially Necessary to a Vigourous prosecution of the War, in which his Majesty for the Honour of his Crown the Security of his Subjects, and prosperity of his Dominions, is Engaged, that the Regular Regiments in North America, should be Recruited to their full Complement of Effective men: And his Majesty having a thourough Confidence in the Duty, Loyalty and Affection of his Colonies upon this Continent, has been pleased to Call upon them, to provide for the Raising a Number of men Sufficient to answer the purpose aforesaid. And Whereas the Legislature of this province, Ever Zealous for his Majestys Service, and Ready to Aid the Crown in the Vigorous Prosecution of so Just and necessary a War, have made provision for Raising one hundred and seventy Eight Recruits, being the Quota demanded of this province.

I have therefore thought proper to Issue this Proclamation hereby Inviting his Majestys good Subjects, Cheerfully to Enter into his Majestys Service in the Regular Regiments.

And as an Encouragement for their so doing, I do hereby promise a Bounty of nine pounds proclamation money, to Every Able Bodied man, not under Eighteen nor above Forty years of age, who shall Inlist himself, and be Received in his Majestys Service, in the Regular Forces in America, to serve during the War, or untill the Regiments Return to Europe. And I do hereby Notify that His Excellency Sr Jeffry Amherst Commander in Chief of all his Majestys forces in North America, as a further Encouragement, has been pleased to promise, that every Able bodied man that shall Inlist into the Regular Regiments as aforesaid, and be approved of by an Officer appointed for that purpose, shall be paid an Additional Bounty of five pounds New York Currency, that all and Every such Recruits will be Cloathed, Enter into Immediate pay and subsistence, and at the Expiration of their Service as above mentioned, be discharged and sent back to their Respective Homes. And His Excellency Sir Jeffry Amherst, as an Encouragement to such Provincial Officers, as shall be Authorised to Raise Recruits for this service, has been pleased to promise the Reward of Forty shillings New York Currency, for Every man they shall Inlist, upon the Terms and Conditions above expressed.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, in Council, at Perth Amboy in New Jersey, the twenty ninth day of April in the second year of his Majestys reign, Anno Domini 1762.

JOSIAH HARDY

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the 22nd day of May. 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honb^le Andrew Johnston, David Ogden, James Hude } Esq^rs

His Excellency proposed to the Board Stephen Burrowes to be a Justice of the Peace in Essex County.

And Henry Moore and David Alstone to be Justices of the peace in Middlesex County.

To which the Council Assented.

His Excellency by Advice of Council signed the following Warrants.

		s.	d.
N° 39.	To himself or order for a quarters Salary as Captain General of this Colony ending 21st of May inst.....£250	„ 0	„ 0
40.	To himself for a quarters House Rent Ending 21st May Inst.....	15 „ 0	„ 0
41.	To Robert Hunter Morris Esqr Chief Justice for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st May Inst.....	25 „ 0	„ 0
42.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr second Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st May Inst.....	6 „ 5	„ 0
43.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarters Additional Salary Ending 21st May Inst.....	6 „ 5	„ 0
44.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of Supe Court, for attending a Court of Oyer and Terminer &c in the county of Essex in April last..	10 „ 0	„ 0
45.	To Richard Saltar Esqr third Justice of the Supm Court for a quarters Salary ending 21st May Inst.....	6 „ 5	„ 0
46.	To Courtland Skinner Esqr Attorney General for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st May Inst.....	7 „ 10	„ 0
47.	To Andrew Johnston Esqr one of the Treasurers of this Colony, for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st May Inst	10 „ 0	„ 0
48.	To Samuel Smith Esqr one of the Treasurers for a Quarters Salary ending 21st May Inst.....	10 „ 0	„ 0

49. To Charles Read Esqr Clerk of the Council for a Quarters Salary ending 21st May Ins^{t}.....	7 „	10 „	0
50. To John Smyth Esqr Clerk of the Circuits for a Quarters Salary ending 21st May inst.....	5 „	0 „	0
51. To James Hude Esqr for 21 days Attendance in Council at two Sessions of the Assembly at Amboy in March & April last.....	6 „	6 „	0

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the Fifth day of June 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honb^{le} Andrew Johnston, James Hude, Lewis M: Ashfield } Esq^{rs}

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Sir Jeffry Amherst dated at New York 31st May 1762 which was read as follows.

Sir.

Since my Letter of the 29th I have been Assured that the people of Pennsylvania are Shipping off provisions from the Jersey Shore: I must Therefore Desire you will be pleased to Lay an Immediate Embargo on all the ports within your province, that an Effectual Stop may be put to the Exportation of any provisions from Either of the provinces, but such as are purchased for the Crown agreeable to my Letter of the 15th April

I am with great Regard
Sir
your most Obedient
Humble Servant
JEFF: AMHERST

Whereupon His Excellency Desired the Opinion & Advice of the Board, Whether it would not be proper to Issue a proclamation for an Embargo to be laid in Conformity to said Letter, upon which and a late Letter from Sir Jeffry Amherst to his Excellency to the same purport the Council do advise that his Excellency do Issue the following

Proclamation

Whereas from the Information I have received I have just Reason to believe that there is a Design to supply the Enemy with provisions from some of the ports in this province, And as large Quantitys of provisions are now wanted for his Majestys Service, I have Thought fit by the Advice of his Majestys Council to Lay And I do hereby lay a prohibition and Embargo on all Ships or Vessels Laden or to be Laden with provisions and Clearing out from any of the ports or places in New Jersey, Excepting such Ships or Vessels as shall be Laden and Employed in his Majestys Service, and Excepting the Boats & Shallops Carrying Common produce to the New York and Philadelphia Marketts: And I do hereby order and Direct the Collectors of His Majestys Customs and Naval Officers of the several ports within this province to be Vigilant & Carefull that this proclamation be duly Obeyed: And I do hereby Strictly Charge & Command all his Majestys Leige Subjects to be aiding and Assisting to the Collectors and Naval officers in the discharge of their Respective Duties as they will answer the Contrary at their peril.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, in Council, at Perth Amboy, in New Jersey the fifth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty-Two.

JOSIAH HARDY

Journal of the Proceedings of his Majestys Council for the Province of New Jersey at a session of General Assembly of said Province begun and held at Burlington.

Wednesday March 3d 1762.

The House met pursuant to several Prorogations

Present
Robert Hunter Morris Esqr
The Right Honble Earl of Stirling
Charles Read Esqr

His Excellency came into Council and having required the Attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker and House attended when his Excelly was pleased to make the following Speech

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly

Having His Majestys Command signified to me by the Earl of Egremont to use my utmost endeavours and influence, to induce you to raise the same number of Men which was required of you for the last Campaign to be formed into a Regiment and to Act in North America under the orders of the Commander in Chief of his Majestys Forces: I have lost no time in calling you together to recommend this matter to your serious considerations.

His Majestys good dispositions for restoring the Publick Tranquility, have been manifested to all Europe, but through the insincerity and chicane of our Inveterate Enemys, a Negociation, which it was hoped would have ended in a Peace, glorious and advantagious to the British Crown and Dominions is now broken off, and that event so much to be desired seems for the present at a distance; His Majesty therefore finds himself under the necessity of making use of the means Divine Providence has put into his hands, to maintain and support the Dignity of the Crown, and to pursue

such Vigorous measures in the prosecution of the War, as may be productive of those Blessings to his People which his Majesty has so much at heart.

In order to accomplish the great designs that are to [be] put in Execution this Year, it is essential to provide for the safety of his Majestys Dominions as likewise of those acquired by conquest in North America, His Majesty has therefore thought it proper to require the Assistance of his several Provinces for this important service. I cannot think it necessary to use any Arguments to animate your Zeal on this occasion, as I am persuaded your duty to the best of Kings and the regard you owe to yourselves in the preservation of your present, as well as future Security, will be sufficient incitements, to influence you to an immediate compliance with His Majestys commands.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

I have Ordered the Earl of Egremonts Letter to be laid before you which I hope you will consider with due Attention you will therein see on what Conditions His Majesty expects your Assistance, and that strong recommendations will be made in Parliament, to grant a proper compensation for much Expences incurred by the respective Provinces according as their Active vigour and Strenuous efforts shall justly appear to merit, You will likewise observe in one of the Letters from the Secretary of State that I have His Majestys Commands, to lay before you the absolute necessity there is at this critical time of recruiting the Regular Regiments with all convenient expedition in the several Provinces, in such Proportions from each as shall be demanded by his Commander in Chief of his Forces I have received two Letters from Sir Jeffry Amherst which shall be communicated to you he therein so clearly explains every circumstance relative to this Measure that it must be needless for me to add anything more on the Subject. I shall only earnestly recommend your ready compliance with his Majestys

Demand and by exerting a true British Spirit on this laudable occasion shew yourselves worthy of His Majestys future favour.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly

I flatter myself you are convinced that no time should be lost in the dispatch of the Business I have now laid before you: I therefore hope you will as soon as possible enable me to carry His Majestys Commands into Execution

Burlington JOSIAH HARDY
3d March 1762

The House continued till Thursday March 4th 1762

The House met present

Robert Hunter Morris Esqr
The Right Honble the Earl of Stirling
Charles Read.

The House Continued till Fryday March 5th 1762

The House met present as before

The House continued till Saturday March 6th 1762

The House met present as before

The House continued till Monday March 8th 1762

the House met present

The Honble Robt H Morris
Lord Stirling
Charles Read

Mr Stevens & Mr J Lawrence from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill entitled an Act to compleate the New Jersey Regiment to Six hundred

and Sixty six effective Volunteers Officers included which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second reading

The House continued till Tuesday March 9th 1762

The House met present

The Honble Robt H. Morris
Lord Stirling
Charles Read

Mr Clement and Mr Cooper from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill entitled an Act to enable the Owners and possessors of the Meadows lying on a branch of Newton Creek in the County of Gloucester commonly called the Back Creek to erect and maintain a Bank Dam & other Water works across the said Creek in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same & to keep the former Water course of said Creek open and clear Which Bill was read the first time and ordered the second reading

Mr Lawrence and Mr Borden from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House the Bill entitled an Act to impower the Church wardens & Vestry Men of Saint Marys Church in the City of Burlington to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for Repairing the Church Parsonage house and Burial ground in said City which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second reading.

Mr Fisher & Mr Wetherell from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House the Bill entitled an Act to impower the Managers of the Boundbrook Bridge in the County of Somerset to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for rebuilding and compleating the said Bridge which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second reading

The Bill Entitled an Act to complete the New Jersey Regiment to Six hundred and Sixty six effective Volunteers Officers included was read a second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council

The House continued till Two o'clock P: M:

the House met. Present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
Lord Stirling
Charles Read

Mr Borden & Mr Holmes from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill entitled an Act for Naturalizing George Beek Jacob Wigmore and Stephen Sarick which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second reading

The Bill Entitled an Act to Enable the owners and possessors of the Meadows lying on a branch of Newton Creek &c, And also the Bill entitled an Act to Impower the Church Wardens and Vestrymen of Saint Marys Church in the City of Burlington &c And also the Bill Entitled an Act to Impower the Church wardens & Vestrymen of St Marys Church in the City of Burlington &c And also the Bill entitled an Act to impower the Managers of the Bound brook Bridge in the County of Somerset &c were read the second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council

Mr Lawrence and Mr Borden from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill Entitled an Act for granting an Additional supply for the finishing the Secretarys Offices at Burlington and Amboy which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second reading

The House continued till Wednesday March 10th 1762

The House met present.

The Honble Robt Hunter Morris
Lord Stirling
Charles Read

Mr Leaming and Mr Spicer from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill entitled an Act for continuing the Bridge near Cedar Swamp Creek in the Back of Cape May and for accommodating the same

with a sufficient Causeway which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second Reading

The Bill entitled an Act for granting an Additional Supply for finishing the Secretarys Offices att Burlington and Perth Amboy And the Bill entitled an Act for Naturalizing George Beeck Jacob Wigmore and Stephen Sarick was read a second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled an Act to complete the New Jersey Regiment to Six hundred and Sixty Six effective Volunteers Officers included reported the same without amendment.

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time and on the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was refered the Bill entitled An Act to impower the Church Wardens and Vestry Men of Saint Marys' Church in the City of Burlington to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for repairing the Church Parsonage house & Burying Ground in said City reported the same without Amendment.

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time and on the Question—Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled an Act to enable the owners and possessors of the Meadows lying on a branch of Newton Creek in the County of Gloucester commonly called the back Creek to erect and maintain a Bank &c reported the same without Amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time and on the Question Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled an Act to impower the Managers of Bound brook bridge in the Country of Somerset to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for rebuilding and compleating the said Bridge reported the same without Amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time and on the Question Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was referr'd the Bill entitled an Act for granting an Additional Supply for the finishing the Secretarys Offices at Burlington and Amboy reported the same without amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time and on the Question Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was referr'd the Bill entitled an Act for naturalizing George Beck Jacob Wigmore and Stephen Sarick reported the same without Amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time and on the Question Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Reed do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The House continued till two o'clock P. M.

The House met present

The Honble Robert H Morris
Lord Stirling
Charles Read

The Bill entitled an Act for continuing the Bridge over Cedar Swamp Creek in the County of Cape May and for accommodating the same with a sufficient Causeway was read a second time & Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill entitled an Act for continuing the Bridge over Cedar Swamp Creek in the County of Cape May &c reported the same without Amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read the third time and on the Question Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Read Reported that he had obeyed the foregoing Orders

Mr ——— and Mr ——— from the House of Assembly waited on this House to know whether this House had any further Business before them otherwise they proposed to request His Excellency to put an end to the Session

To which this House gave for Answer that the Council had nothing before them to prevent such an Application to His Excellency

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker and the House attended when his Excellency gave his Assent to the following Laws Enacting the same

I. An Act to complete the New Jersey Regiment to Six hundred and sixty six effective Volunteers Officers included

II. An Act to impower the Church Wardens & Vestry men of Saint Marys Church in the City of Burlington to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for repairing the Church Parsonage house and Burial ground in the said City

III. An Act to enable the owners and possessors of the Meadows laying on a branch of Newton Creek in the County of Gloucester commonly called the Back Creek to erect and maintain a Bank Dam and other Water works across the said Creek in order to prevent the Tide from Overflowing

the same and to keep the former Watercourse open and clear

IV. An Act to impower the Managers of Boundbrook bridge in the County of Somerset to raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for Rebuilding and compleating the said Bridge

V. An Act for granting an Additional Supply for the finishing the Secretarys Offices at Burlington and Amboy

VI. An Act for naturalizing George Beck Jacob Wigmore and Stephen Sarick

VII. An Act for continuing the Bridge over Cedar Swamp Creek in the County of Cape May and for accommodating the same with a Sufficient Causeway

After which the Speaker delivered the Address of the House of Assembly in the following words

To His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of Nova Cæsaria or New Jersey and Territories therein depending in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral of the same &c

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys dutiful and Royal Subjects the Representatives of the Province of New Jersey recollecting with gratitude the Favors received through His Majestys Personal care over us have now without loss of time gone into the Measures proposed for assisting the Common Cause so far as to agree upon the raising a Provincial Regiment of Six hundred and Sixty six effective effective Men after former exertions of this sort we are sensible the difficulties of raising them will be great; but from your Excellencys Abilities in the Service we are in hopes that they will be compleated that the Honour of the Government in Realizing the expectations they give may suffer no dimunition, and his Majestys Service no injury

We have already informed your Excellency by Message that it is with great reluctance we find our present peculiar Circumstances respecting the scarcity of Men to lay us under the necessity of not coming into the Requisition for recruiting

the Regular Forces, and as we cannot go into both the measures proposed we have complied with the most important; that the Province under such discouragement is not able to go farther than raising the Provincial Regiment, We hope the reasons we have before given will Evidence, and that our necessities will not subject us to any loss of Reputation, in a case which throughout the preceding Campaigns hath been pursued by this province with invariable zeal and Sollicitude

By order of the House.

SAMUEL NEVILL Speaker

To which His Excellency was pleased to give the following Answer

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

I thank you for this Address, and for what you have done in consequence of His Majestys Requisition for the Provincial Regiment. I shall do everything in my Power to forward the raising the Men for this Service: I will not detain you any longer at this Season from your own concerns, but prorogue this General Assembly to Tuesday the sixth day of April next then to meet at Amboy and they are prorogued accordingly

JOSIAH HARDY

Proceedings of His Majestys Council for the Province of New Jersey at a Session of the General Assembly of said Province begun and holden at Perth Amboy on the twenty sixth day of April 1762.

pursuant to sundry prorogations the House met

Monday April 26th 1762. present

The Honble Robert H. Morris
James Hude
Peter Kemble
Andrew Johnston
R^t Honble Earl of Stirling
Charles Read

Tuesday April 27th 1762 present

The Honble Robt H Morris
Peter Kemble
James Hude
Andrew Johnston
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
R^t Honble Earl of Stirling
Charles Read

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker with the House attended when His Excell^y made the following Speech to both Houses.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly

Your being called together so soon after your late Sessions is occasioned by a Letter I have received from Sir Jeffry Amherst wherein he requests me once more to represent to you the necessity of complying with his Majestys Requisition for your Quota of Men for filling up the Regular Troops; This measure from our being engaged in a War with Spain becomes more necessary than ever, and if not complyed with must be attended with very bad consequences, more especially at this critical Juncture, when your duty to his Majesty calls for the utmost exertion of your Power, not only for supporting the Honor and dignity of his Crown but to render ineffectual the Perfiduous designs of our Enemys whose Views evidently tend to the destruction of our Liberty Property and everything that ought to be dear to you

I must therefore Earnestly recommend your giving this matter a serious consideration, when I make no doubt it will appear to you in such a light that your resolutions thereon will be perfectly consistent with that Zeal for his Majestys Service which has hitherto been manifested in this Province.

It is with the greatest pleasure that I congratulate you on

the Success of his Majestys Arms in the intire reduction of the Island of Martinique and its dependencies, a Conquest the more glorious as it has been accomplished with the loss of so few of our fellow Subjects. We cannot be sufficiently thankful to Divine providence who has hitherto so remarkably supported the justice of our Cause, let us hope he will continue his Blessing on our future endeavours, and that he will in his good time dispose our Enemys to accept such just and reasonable terms of peace as may be consistent with the safety of all his Majestys Dominions

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

I have the satisfaction to acquaint you that the Levies for the Provincial Regiment are compleated but as the Service in which they are to be employed will require another Field Officer I must request you will provide the necessary Pay on this occasion. I have ordered Sir Jeffry Amherst's Letter to be laid before you and as I now cannot suppose you will make any difficulty of complying with the Kings Requisition, I shall only recommend your being as expeditious as possible in granting the proper encouragement for raising the Number of Men demanded, that his Majestys Service may meet with no unnecessary delay

Perth Amboy JOSIAH HARDY
27 April 1762.

the House adjourned to 3 o Clock P. M.

3 o'Clock the House met present

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris
James Hude
Peter Kemble
Andrew Johnston
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
The R^t Honble the Earl of Stirling
Charles Read

Mr J Ogden and Mr Borden from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill entitled an Act directing the Treasurers of this Colony to pay the Commander in Chief of all his Majestys Forces in North America the Sum of One thousand six hundred and Two pounds for his Majestys Service to be repaid when his Majesty shall think proper and for other purposes therein mentioned.

which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second reading

The House continued till Wednesday April 28th 1762

the House met present

The Honble Robt H Morris
James Hude
Peter Kemble
Andrew Johnston
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
Rt Honble Earl of Stirling
Charles Read

Mr Lawrence and Mr Hart from the House of Assembly presented for the concurrence of this House a Bill entitled an Act for naturalizing Christian Syberberg and others which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second reading

The Bill Entitled an Act Directing the Treasurers of this Colony to pay the Commander in Chief of all His Majestys Forces in North America the Sum of One thousand six hundred & two Pounds &c was read a second time

And also the Bill entituled an Act for naturalizing Christian Syberberg and others was read a second time and committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

The Bill entitled an Act Directing the Treasurers of this Colony to pay to the Commander in Chief of all His Majestys Forces in North America the Sum of One thousand

Six hundred and two pounds was read a third time, and on the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entitled an Act for Naturalizing Christian Syberberg and others reported the same without amendment

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time

The Bill entitled an Act for naturalizing Christian Syberberg and others was read a third time and

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Read reported that he had obeyed the above orders

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary informed the House of Assembly that he was in the Council Chamber ready to receive the Address of that House

The Speaker and the House attended and delivered the Following Address.

To His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same &c

The humble Address of the representatives of the said Province in General Assembly convened

We His Majestys dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey in General Assembly met esteem it a happiness that we have it in our power to promote His Majestys Service and have now come up to the necessary Requisition for that purpose and are well pleased to hear that your Excellencys endeavours have been attended

with such remarkable Success as to have already compleated our Regiment

The fresh instances of Success attending his Majestys Arms in the Reduction of Martinique with so little loss calls for gratitude to the Supreme giver of Victory and we are persuaded will have the best effect on his Majestys future measures for the Restoration of a general peace

By order of the House

SAMUEL NEVILL Speaker

His Excellency then was pleased to give his Assent to the following Acts

1 An Act directing the Treasurers of this Colony to pay the Commander in Chief of all his Majestys Forces in North America the Sum of One thousand six hundred and two pounds for his Majestys Service to be repaid when his Majesty shall think proper and for other purposes therein mentioned

2 An Act for Naturalizing Christian Syberberg and others

after which he made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

The Chearfulness and Unanimity with which you have gone through the business which I by his Majestys Commands recommended to you cannot fail of placing you in a very favorable light with his Majasty and his Ministers, and it is particularly agreeable to me, As the Season Calls you to your several homes, I heartily wish you a good Journey, and do prorogue the General Assembly to meet at Burlington on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of May next, and they are prorogued accordingly

Perth Amboy }
25th April 1762. }

JOSIAH HARDY

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the 22nd day of May 1762.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Andrew Johnston, David Ogden, James Hude } Esqrs

His Excellency proposed to the Board Stephen Burrowes to be a Justice of the peace in Essex County

And Henry Moore and David Alstone to be Justices of the peace in Middlesex County. To which the Council Assented

His Excellency by Advice of Council signed the following Warrants.

		£	s	d
N° 39.	To himself or order for a Quarters Salary as Captain General of this Colony ending 21st of May Instt.....	250 „	0 „	0
40.	To himself for a Quarters house Rent Ending 21st Instt.....	15 „	0 „	0
41.	To Robert Hunter Morris Esqr Chief Justice for a quarters Salary ending 21st Instt.....	25 „	0 „	0
42.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Instt.....	6 „	5 „	0
43.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarters Additional Salary Ending 21st Instt	6 „	5 „	0
44.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court for Attending a Court of Oyer & Terminer &c in the County of Essex in April last.....	10 „	0 „	0

45. To Richard Saltar Esqr third Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Ins^{t}.....	6 „ 5 „ 0
46. To Cortland Skinner Esqr for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Ins^{t} As Attorney General.....	7 „ 10 „ 0
47. To Andrew Johnston Esqr one of the Treasurers of this Colony for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Ins^{t}....	10 „ 0 „ 0
48. To Samuel Smith Esqr one of the Treasurers of this Colony for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Ins^{t}...	10 „ 0 „ 0
49. To Charles Read Esqr Clerk of the Council for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Ins^{t}.....	7 „ 10 „ 0
50. To John Smyth Esqr Clerk of the Circuits for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Ins^{t}.....	5 „ 0 „ 0
51. To James Hude Esqr for 21 days Attendance in Council at two Sessions of the Assembly at Amboy in March & April last.....	6 „ 6 „ 0

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the fifth day of June 1762.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honb^{le} Andrew Johnston
James Hude
Lewis Morris Ashfield } Esq^{rs}

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Sir Jeffery Amherst dated at New York 31st May 1762 which was read as follows.

Sir

Since my Letter of the 29th I have been Assured that the people of Pennsylvania are Shipping off Provisions by the Delaware River from the Jersey Shore, I must therefore desire you will be pleased to lay an immediate Embargo on all the parts within your Province, that an effectual Stop may be put to the Exportation of any Provisions from Either of the Provinces, but such as are purchased for the Crown, agreeable to my Letter of the 15th April.

I am with great Regard,
Sir, your most Obedt Hble
Servt JEFF: AMHERST

Whereupon his Excellency Desired the Opinion and Advice of the Board, whether it would not be proper to Issue a proclamation for an Embargo to be laid in Conformity to said Letter, Upon which and a late Letter from Sr Jeffery, to His Excellency, to the same purport, the Council Do advise that His Excellency do Issue the following Proclamation.

Whereas From the Information I have Received I have great Reason to believe that there is a Design to Supply the Enemy with Provisions from Some of the Ports in this Province, and as large Quantitys of provisions are Wanted for his Majestys Service, I have thought fit by the Advice of His Majestys Council to Lay And I do hereby lay a Prohibition and Embargo on all Ships or Vessels Laden or to be Laden with Provisions and Clearing out from any of the Ports or places in New Jersey Excepting such Ships or Vessels as shall be Laden and Employed in His Majestys Service, And Excepting the Boats & Shallops Carrying Common Produce to the New York and Philadelphia Marketts: And I do hereby Order and Direct the Collectors of his Majestys Customs and Naval Officers of the Several Ports within this Province to be Vigilent and Carefull that this Proclamation be duly Obeyed: And all his Majestys

Leige Subjects are hereby Strictly Charged and Commanded to be aiding and assisting to the Collectors and Naval officers in the discharge of their Respective Duties as they will Answer the Contrary at their Peril.

Given under my hand and Seal at Arms, in Council, at Perth Amboy, in New Jersey, the fifth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty two.

JOSIAH HARDY

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Thursday the 12th day of August 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Robert Hunter Morris } Esqrs
David Ogden }
The Right Honble William Earl of Stirling

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Sr Jeffry Amherst dated at New York the 4th of August 1762. which was read and is as follows.

Sir

The great and Important Services on which His Majesty's Regular Troops are now Employed And the uncertainty of their Return Rendering it Absolutely Necessary that Provision should be made in time for Garrisoning the Several Posts on this Continent during the Winter I must Request that you will Take the Earliest Opportunity of moving your Assembly to Provide for Continuing in pay the same Number of Troops that Remained during the last Winter Viz: one Company Consisting of a Captain, Subaltern, and sixty-four men; and that you will be pleased to Enforce the Necessity of Complying with this Requisition, with such Arguments

as your Zeal for his Majestys Honour, and the good of the Colonies, will Naturally Suggest to you.

I must Observe that the sooner the Necessary Provision is made, and the orders given for the Re-Enlisting the men, the Service will Reap the greater Advantages, And I Shall be the better Enabled to send home the others, who are not to remain, before the Rigourous Season Sets in.

In the above Numbers, no part of the Detachment on the Expedition, is to be Reckoned, as I make no doubt but the Service will Admit of their Return, before the Expiration of their time: And what I now require, is Entirely for the Protection of the Frontiers, and Keeping up the Necessary Communication through the Country.

I Cannot help taking Notice on this Occasion, how little has been done by the Province of New Jersey towards Raising the Recruits for the Regular Corps; which Measure, if heartily Entered into by all the Colonies, might have been a great Means of not only Enabling His Majesty to push the War with more Vigour, but would in the End, have Eased the Provinces Perhaps of Part of this very great Expense that I am now Obliged to put them to.

The Backwardness discovered in your Province, in this Particular, I must own, In my Opinion, Cannot fail of Incurring His Majestys Displeasure, and therefore I would fain flatter myself that some Effectual Methods will yet be fallen upon for Complying with the Kings Demands, and furnishing the Quota required: If it was Necessary when first made, of which there Can be no doubt, It is Certainly much more so now, that so many of the Regiments who are on Actual Service, must Necessarily be thinned by the Chance of War, and the Change of the Climate where they are Employed, And I must add that the Non Complyance of your Province and some of the other Colonies, in furnishing the Quota Required, will, I fear, not only Retard, but Obstruct the future Operations which were Intended to be Carried on, in these parts, for Distressing the Enemy, so as to Reduce them to

Accept of a Peace, Glorious to His Majestys Arms, and Advantagious to his Subjects in General

I am, with great Regard,
Sir,
Your most Obedient
Humble Servant
JEFF: AMHERST

Whereupon His Excellency Desired the Opinion and Advice of the Board, whether it would not be proper to Call the Assembly on the Matters Contained in said Letter, And at what time and place it would be proper for them to meet.

On which the Council Advise His Excellency to Summon the General Assembly to meet at Burlington on Tuesday the fourteenth day of September next. His Excellency accordingly ordered that the Secretary do Write Circular Letters to the Members of the Council and Assembly to meet accordingly.

His Excellency was also pleased to order that a Proclamation be prepared for prorogueing the General Assembly from the twenty sixth day of this Instant August, the day to which they at present stand Prorogued, to the said Fourteenth day of September, then to meet at Burlington.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Saturday the 21st day of August 1762.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

Mr Morris
Lord Stirling
Mr Woodruff

His Excellency by Advice of Council signed the following Warrants

No 52. To himself for a Quarters Salary as Captain General and Governor of this Colony Ending this day..... 250 „ 0 „ 0

53. To himself for a Quarters House Rent Ending this Day.....	15 „	0 „	0
54. To The Honb^le Robert Hunter Morris Esqr for a Quarters Salary as Chief Justice Ending this day.....	25 „	0 „	0
55. To Samuel Nevill Esqr for a Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court Ending this day.....	6 „	5 „	0
56. To Samuel Nevill Esqr for a Quarters Additional Salary Ending this day,	6 „	5 „	0
57. To Richard Saltar Esqr for a Quarters Salary as Third Justice of the Supreme Court Ending this day.....	6 „	5 „	0
58. To Cortland Skinner Esqr Attorney General for a Quarters Salary Ending this day.....	7 „	10 „	0
59. To Charles Read Esqr Clerk of the Council for a Quarters Salary Ending this day.....	7 „	10 „	0
60. To John Smyth Esqr Clerk of the Circuits for a Quarters Salary Ending this day.....	5 „	0 „	0
61. To Samuel Smith Esqr one of the Treasurers of this Colony for a quarters Salary Ending this day.....	10 „	0 „	0
62. To Samuel Smith Esqr for the Use of Joseph Sherwood Esqr Agent of this Colony for half a years Salary Ending this day.....	40 „	0 „	0
63. To the Executors of Andrew Johnston Esqr Deceased for his Salary as Treasurer from the 21st day of May last, to the time of his Death being 24th June last.....	3 „	13 „	4
64. To Andrew Smyth Esqr to pay for the use of a Room Fire & Candle, for			

the General Assembly, at their Sessions at Amboy, in March & April and December 1761 ..... 7 „ 0 „ 0

At a Council held at Burlington on Tuesday the 21st day of September 1762.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs

His Excellency by Advice of Council signed the following Warrants

65. To The Honble Richard Saltar Esqr third Justice of the Supreme Court for holding the following Circuit Courts Viz: in the County of Monmouth in 1760, and in the Countys of Hunterdon, Gloucester, Salem & Cumberland in the year 1762 ..... 50 „ 0 „ 0

At a Council held at Burlington on Wednesday the 22nd day of September 1762.

Present
His Excellr Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs

Anthony Woodward Presented a Complaint against Daniel Ellis which was Read

Ordered that the parties appear on Fryday morning next in order to hear the Merits of the Complaint.

His Excellency Nominated William Reeves to be a Justice of the peace in the County of Essex. To Which the Council Assented

Ordered that he be added to the Commission for said County

At a Council held at Burlington on Fryday September 24: 1762.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honb^{le} Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read, John Smith } Esq^{rs}

Anthony Woodward Complainant and Daniel Ellis defendant appeared according to the order of the 22nd Instant, with Sundry other persons in Support of the Charge and Defence.

On hearing the parties and their Wittnesses the Council are Unanimously of Opinion that the Charge is not supported.

At a Council held at Burlington on Saturday September 25th 1762.

Present
His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honb^{le} Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read, John Smith } Esq^{rs}

On a Representation to His Excellency of a Want of Judges and Justices in the County of Cape May, by death & other ways, His Excellency Named the following persons Viz: Henry Young, William Smith, Nathaniel Forster, John Willetts, and Nicholas Stilwell to be Judges & Justices of the Quorum, And Thomas Leaming, James Whilden, John Townsend, Jeremiah Leaming, Joseph Corson, John Leonard,

Jonathan Smith, Jacob Hand, Daniel Swaine and Robert Parsons to be Justices of the peace in the County of Cape May—the first five to be of the Quorum.

To which Nomination the Council Assented.

His Excellency by Advice of Council Signed the following Warrants.

	£	s	d
N° 66. To Samuel Woodruff Esqr for forty two days Attendance at this & former Sessions of the General Assembly...	12 „	12 „	0
67. To Charles Read Esqr for forty four days Attendance at this & former Sessions of the General Assembly...	13 „	4 „	0
68. To Richard Smith Esqr Clerk of the Assembly for his Entring Minutes, Copying, Services & Attendance for the House of Assembly the five last Sessions they sat at Burlington.....	18 „	0 „	0
69. To Thomas Wetherill for his Attendance as Serjeant at Arms to the House of Assembly this Sessions 12 days.....	1 „	16 „	0
70. To David Overton Doorkeeper to the House of Assembly 12 days this present Sessions.....	2 „	2 „	0
71. To Anthony Elton Serjeant at Arms to the Council 12 days this Sessions.	2 „	2 „	0

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 22nd day of November 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honb^le Robert Hunter Morris
Lewis M. Ashfield
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
Charles Read

His Excellency proposed Thomas Longworth and Nehemiah Baldwin to be added to the Commission of the peace for the County of Essex, and John Brainard to be a Justice of the peace in the Countys of Burlington & Gloucester, To which the Council Assented.

His Excellency by Advice of Council Signed the following Warrants.

N° 72.	To himself for a Quarters Salary as Governor Ending 21st of this Inst November	250	0	0
73.	To himself for a Quarters house Rent ending 21st Inst	15	0	0
74.	To The Honble Robert Hunter Morris Esqr Chief Justice for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st of this Inst Novr	25	0	0
75.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarters Salary ending 21st Inst	6	5	0
76.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice for a Quarters Addittional Salary	6	5	0
77.	To Courtland Skinner Esqr Attorney General a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Inst	7	10	0
78.	To Charles Read Esqr Clerk of the Council for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Inst	7	10	0
79.	To Samuel Smith Esqr one of the Treasurers for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Inst	10	0	0
80.	To John Smyth Esqr Clerk of the Circuits for a Qrs Salary Ending 21st Inst	5	0	0
81.	To Samuel Smith Esqr for the use of Joseph Sherwood Esqr Agent of this Colony for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Inst	20	0	0

82. To The Honb^le Robert Hunter Morris Esqr for holding a Court of Oyer & Terminer for the County of Monmouth in this Month.....	10 „	0 „	0
83. To The Honb^le Samuel Nevill Esqr for holding four Courts of Oyer & Terminer for the Countys of Sussex Morris Bergen, & Essex in October last.....	40 „	0 „	0
84. To James Parker in full of his Acc^ts for printing for the Province to December 1761, Inspected and approved by Hendrick Fisher and Andrew Smyth Esq^rs.....	36 „	1 „	1½
85. To James Parker in full of his Acc^ts for printing to the 8th of June last, inspected and approved by John Stevens & Hendrick Fisher Esq^rs...	64 „	16 „	8½
86. To Andrew Robinson for three days Attendance as Serjeant at Arms to the House of Assembly at their Sessions at Amboy in April last.....	0 „	9 „	0
87. To Bissett Weeks for two days attendance as Doorkeeper of the Assembly in April last at Amboy.....	0 „	7 „	0

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the 24th day of November 1762.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honb^le Robert Hunter Morris
Lewis M Ashfield
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
} Esq^rs

His Excellency Informed the Board that Richard Saltar Esqr one of the Justices of the Supreme Court dyed some time since, and Desired the Board to Recommend to him a proper person to succeed the said Mr Saltar, in the said Office, Whereupon the Board Recommended to His Excellency Charles Read Esqr to be one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, of whom His Excellency was pleased to Approve And ordered the Commission to Issue accordingly.

Proceedings of His Majestys Council for the Province of New Jersey at a Session of the General Assembly of the said Province held at Burlington in September 1762.

Pursuant to sundry Prorogations the House Mett

Tuesday September 14: 1762

Present

The Honb^le Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read, John Smith } Esq^rs

His Excellency Came into Council and having by the Secretary Required the Attendance of the House of Assembly The Speaker and the House attended When His Excellency made the following Speech to both Houses.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly

I have Called you together rather Earlier than I Intended to Communicate to you the Contents of a Letter I have received from His Excellency Sir Jeffry Amherst[1] dated the 4th of last month wherein he Observes that the Important Services on which His Majestys Regular Troops are now employed and the uncertainty of their return, Renders it

[1] See *ante* page 315.

absolutely Necessary, that provision should be made for Garrisoning the Several posts on this Continent during the Winter This provision must be made by the several Colonies and it is indeed the more Necessary now, as the greatest part of the Troops that are returned into this Country are by hard Service and Sickness very unfit for duty, and it must be some time before they are recovered.

I must therefore, Gentlemen, earnestly recommend your Continuing in pay, one Company consisting of a Captain a Subaltern and sixty four men being the same Number you Provided last year. I shall not Attempt to make Use of any persuasive Arguments to Convince you of the Necessity of this Measure, the Readiness you have hitherto Manifested in Assisting the Common Cause, gives me the Strongest Assurance of your Complyance with it

It would have been a great Satisfaction to me if I could have Informed you that the provision you made at your last Sessions for Recruiting the Regular Corps had been attended with better Success, but, I am sorry to say, very few men have been raised I wish some Effectual Method Could be fallen upon and heartily Entered into, in order to furnish the Quota demanded of this Province, It is apparently more necessary now than when first demanded: as the Regiments on Actual Service must be thinned by the Chance of War and Change of Climate where they are Employed, and if they are not Recruited the future Intended Operations for Distressing the Enemy on this Continent must be not only Retarded, but intirely Obstructed which will in the End greatly prejudice His Majestys service, and Turn out to the future disadvantage of the Colonies in general.

It is with the highest Joy and Satisfaction that I Congratulate you on the Success of his Majestys Arms in the Reduction of the Havanah and its dependencies And I have no small pleasure in Acquainting you that the Detachment of our Provincial Troops arrived there in time to partake of the Honours reaped by this Noble Conquest, and I am Informed

by a Letter from their Commanding Officer that he has not lost a single man.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

As the time Limited for the Service of your Reginent will very soon Expire, I hope you will be as Expeditious as possible in making the proper provision for Inlisting the men demanded for the Winter Duty. And I leave it to your Consideration what allowance should be made for that part of the Regiment now on duty at Niagara, as they are at a much greater distance from home than they were last year.

Burlington the 14th September 1762. JOSIAH HARDY

The Speaker and the house of Assembly Returned and His Excellency Withdrew.

The House Continued till Wednesday September 15th

The House Mett present as before

The House Continued till Thursday September 16th

The House Mett present as before

The House Continued till Fryday September 17th 1762

The House Continued till Saturday September 18th 1762

The House Mett. Present

The Honble Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs

Mr Clement and Mr Cooper from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House the Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners of the Meadows &

Marshes on the East side of Great Mantua Creek in the County of Gloucester to Drain the said Marshes and to keep their tide Bank in proper Repair, which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second Reading.

The House Continued till Munday September 20th 1762

The House Mett Present

The Honble Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs

Mr Doughty and Mr Miller from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners of Meadows & Marshes on the Westerly side of Racoon Creek in the County of Gloucester to keep out the Tide from Overflowing the same.

Mr Stevens and Mr Wetherill from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled a Supplement to the Act for Regulating Roads & Bridges. Also a Bill Entituled an Act for Vacating and Rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon for the Sale of Certain Lands in the County of Middlesex And to Relieve & Secure the Trustees and Managers of the said Lottery against any Action that is or may be brought against them Concerning the same

which three Bills were read the first time and Ordered a second Reading.

The House Continued till Tuesday Sept 21st 1762

The House Mett Present

The Honble Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs

Mr Borden and Mr Clement from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled

an Act to Enable the Owners & possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a small Creek Called pumpissey[1] or Walker's Creek in the Township of Chester in the County of Burlington to Erect and Maintain a bank Dam and other Waterworks across the said Creek in order to prevent the Tide from Overflowing the Same. Which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second reading.

The House Continued till Two O'Clock P. M.

The House mett present as before

Mr Fisher & Mr Jno Ogden from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act to Impower the Trustees of the College of New Jersey to Raise by Lottery a sum of money for the use of the said College.

Which Bill was read the first time & ordered a second reading.

The House Continued till Wednesday September 22: 1762

The House Mett. present

The Honble Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners of the Meadows & Marshes on the East side of Great Mantua Creek in the County of Gloucester to Drain the sd Marshes & to keep their Tide bank in proper repair was read a second time & Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the owners of Meadows & Marshes Lying on the Westerly side of Racoon Creek in the County of Gloucester to keep out the tide from Overflowing the same

[1] Pompeston.

Also the Bill Entituled *An Act* a Supplement to the Act for Regulating Roads and Bridges

Also a Bill Entituled an Act for Vacating & Rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon &c

Also the Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners and possessors of the Marsh and swamp on a Small Creek Called Pumpessey or Walkers Creek in the Township of Chester in the County of Burlington, to Erect a Bank Dam &c

And Also the Bill Entituled an Act to Impower the Trustees of the College of New Jersey, to Raise by Lottery a Sum of Money for the Use of the said College. Were all read a second Time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council &c

The House Continued till Three O'Clock P. M.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Borden & Mr Reading Ordered that Mr Stevens, Mr Wetherill, Mr R. Lawrence, Mr Fisher & Mr J Ogden or any three of them be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to Inspect the Vouchers & State the Accounts of The Honble Andrew Johnston Esqr deceased,[1] the late Eastern Treasurer, and make report thereof to the next Sitting and that Mr Borden & Mr Reading do acquaint the Council thereof & desire they would appoint a Committee for that Purpose.

By order of the House.

R. Smith Clk.

Assembly Chamber Sept 21st 1762.

Mr Jno Ogden & Mr Dye from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entituled an Act to provide for the Enlisting Cloathing & pay of sixty six Effective Volunteers (officers included) to be Employed in His Majestys Service from and after the first day of November next & for other purposes therein Mentioned.

And Also the Bill Entituled An Act to postpone the drawing of the Province Lottery. And Also A Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act to preserve

[1] Died June 24th, 1762.

the Navigation of the Rivers and Creeks in the Colony of New Jersey.

Which Bills were read the first time and ordered a second reading.

The House Continued till Thursday September 23: 1762.

The House Mett. present

Mr Woodruff
Mr Read
Mr Smith

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners of the Meadows & Marshes on the East side of Great Mantua Creek &c And Also the Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners of Meadows and Marshes Lying on the Westerly side of Racoon Creek &c to keep out the Tide &c

Also the Bill Entituled a Supplement to the Act for regulating roads and Bridges—Also the Bill Entituled an Act for Vacating & Rendering Void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon &c

Also the Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners & Possessors of the Marshes & Swamp on a Small Creek Called pumpessey or Walker's Creek &c to Erect a Bank, Dam &c

And Also the Bill Entituled an Act to Impower the Trustees of the College of New Jersey to raise by Lottery a sum of Money for the use of the said College

Reported that they had gone through the same and seen the Necessary Advertisements on the Private Bills and ordered him to Report them without Amendment.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the owners of the Meadows and Marshes on the East side of Great Mantua Creek in the County of Gloucester to Drain the said Marshes and to keep their Tide bank in proper repair—was read a third Time

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Smith do Inform the house of Assembly therewith.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners of Meadows & Marshes lying on the Westerly side of Racoon Creek in the County of Gloucester to keep out the Tide from Overflowing the same—was read a third time

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Smith do Inform the house of Assembly therewith.

The Bill Entituled a Suplement to the Act for Regulating Roads and Bridges was read a third Time.

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Smith do inform the House of Assembly therewith

The Bill Entituled an Act for Vacating and rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon for the Sale of Certain Lands in the County of Middlesex and to Relieve and secure the Trustees & Managers of the said Lottery against any Action that is or may be brought against them Concerning the same, Was read a third time.

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

ordered that Mr Smith do inform the House of Assembly therewith

The Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the owners & possessors of the Marshes and Swamp lying on a small Creek Called Pumpessey or Walker's Creek in the Township of Chester in the County of Burlington to Erect & maintain a

Bank dam & other Waterworks across the said Creek in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same—was read a third time

on the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Smith do inform the House of Assembly therewith

The Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the owners & possessors of the Marshes and Swamp lying on a small Creek Called Pumpessey or Walker's Creek in the Township of Chester in the County of Burlington to Erect & maintain a Bank dam & other Waterworks across the said Creek in order to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same—was read a third time

on the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Smith do inform the House of Assembly therewith

The Bill Entituled an Act to Impower the Trustees of the College of New Jersey to raise by Lottery a sum of money for the use of the said College—was read a third time.

Mr Smith desired his Dissent may be Entered to the Bill and

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

ordered that Mr Smith do inform the house of Assembly therewith

Mr Smith Reported that he had Obeyed the above orders

The Bill Entituled an Act to provide for the Inlisting Cloathing & pay of sixty six Effective Volunteers &c And Also—

The Bill Entituled an Act to postpone the drawing of the Province Lottery—Also the Bill Entituled a Supplementary

Act to the Act Entituled an Act to preserve the Navigation of Creeks &c were read a second time & Committed to The Gentlemen of the Council

The House Continued till Fryday September 24th 1762

The House Mett. present

Mr Woodruff
Mr Read
Mr Smith

Mr Doughty & Mr J: Lawrence from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House the Bill Entituled an Act for Laying a Duty on Negroe or Mulatto Slaves Imported into this province. Which Bill was read the first time and ordered a second Reading

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled an Act to postpone the drawing of the province Lottery. And also the Bill Entituled an Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing & pay of sixty six Effective Volunteers &c

And also the Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act to preserve the Navigation of Rivers & Creeks &c Reported the same without Amendment

The Bill Entituled an Act to provide for the Inlisting, Cloathing & pay of sixty six Effective Volunteers &c being read a third time on the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read Inform the House of assemhly therewith

The Bill Entituled an Act to Postpone the Drawing of the province Lottery being read a third time

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read Inform the House of assembly therewith

The Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act to preserve the Navigation of the Rivers & Creeks within the Colony of New Jersey being read a third Time

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read inform the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Read Reported that he had Obeyed the above orders

The House Continued till Three O'Clock P. M.

The House Mett present

Mr Woodruff
Mr Read
Mr Smith

The Bill Entituled an Act for laying a Duty on Negroe and Mullatto Slaves &c was read a second Time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council

Mr Smith from the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled An Act for laying a Duty on Negroe & Mullatto Slaves &c Reported that they had gone through the same and made sundry Amendments thereto which he was ready to Report When the house would please to Receive the same

Ordered that the Report be made immediately

Then Mr Smith read the Amendments in his place and delivered them in at the Table, where the same being again read were agreed to by the House.

Ordered that the said Amendments be Engrossed

The Bill Entituled an Act for Laying a duty on Negroe and Mullatto Slaves imported into this province with the

Engrossed Amendments being read a third time—On the Question.

Resolved that the same as amended do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the s^d Bill and Amendments

Ordered that Mr Smith do Carry the said Bill & Amendments to the House of Assembly and desire the Concurrence of that House to the said Amendments.

Mr Smith Reported that he had Obeyed the above order

Ordered that Mr Ogden, Mr Ashfield & Mr Woodruff or any two of them be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly to Inspect the Vouchers and State the Accounts of the Late Treasurer Johnston, and that they Meet at Amboy at the house of Mr John Johnston, for that purpose, on the first Tuesday in October next.

Ordered that Mr Smith do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Smith reported that he had Obeyed the above order.

His Excellency Came into Council and having by the Secretary Informed the House of Assembly that he was in the Council Chamber Ready to receive the Address of that House—the Speaker and the House Attended and Delivered the following address

To His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr Captain General Governor & Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of Nova Cæsaria or New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same &c.

The Humble Address of the Representatives of the said province in General Assembly Convened

May it please your Excellency

We his Majestys dutifull and Loyal Subjects, the Representatives of the province of New Jersey in General Assembly convened, pleased with the favourable Prospect of an Approaching Peace on Terms of Glory and Advantage, have provided for the number of Men required, by His Majestys

General in hopes this added to our former Services, of the same kind, may Continue to us His Majestys Regard, and be of use in Respect to the future Quiet of North America.

The Conquest of the Havannah, after former Acquisitions of this War, creates fresh Matter For Thankfull acknowledgments; And is an Event not only Glorious to all Concerned, But must have the best Effect on his Majestys Unwearied Endeavours, For the Promotion of a General Peace: and is to our great Satisfaction, Especially as the Detachment of our Regiment Arrived time Enough to have a Share in the Conquest.

That in the present Extream Scarcity of men in this Province, the General should be put to great Difficulties in Recruiting for the Regular Corps, is what we Expected. But as a part of our Regiment is soon to be disbanded, according to the Terms of their Inlistment, the money applied at our last Sitting to that Service, may perhaps be Usefully Employed among them, And if the General should approve of that Expedient we hope your Excellency will Encourage as many of them to Inlist as shall be Free to Enter

By order of the House

SAMUEL NEVILL Speaker

House of Assembly Sepr 24: 1762.

Mr Fisher and Mr Ogden from the House of Assembly brought back the Reingrossed Bill Entituled an act for Laying a Duty on Negroe & Mullatto Slaves imported into this Colony, together with the Councils Amendments thereto which Bill and Amendments being read and Compared Ordered that the Speaker do sign the said Re-Engrossed Bill.

The House Continued till Saturday September 25: 1762.

The House Mett Present

Mr Woodruff
Mr Read
Mr Smith

Mr Stevens & Mr R Lawrence from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House, A Bill Entituled an Act to prevent persons prosecuted in the Colony of New York for Trespasses Committed on Sandy Hook being again prosecuted in New Jersey for the same which Bill was read the first time and Ordered a second Reading

The Bill Entituled an Act to prevent persons prosecuted in the Colony of New York for Trespasses Committed on Sandy Hook being again prosecuted in New Jersey for the same was read a second time

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time

Which being done

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered That Mr Smith do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Smith reported that he had obeyed the above order

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Fisher and Mr Doughty

Ordered that Mr Fisher and Mr Doughty do go to the Council & desire to know whether they have anything before them, if not this House proposes to Apply to His Excellency for a Dismission

House of Assembly By order of the House
Sepr 25 : 1762 R. Smith Clk

The Speaker Informed the Messengers that this House had nothing before them to prevent the Application.

His Excellency Came into Council and having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly, the Speaker and the House attended—When His Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the Following Bills

1. An Act to provide for the Inlisting Cloathing and pay of Sixty six Effective Volunteers (officers Included) to be Employed in His Majestys Service, from and after the first

day of November next, and for other purposes therein mentioned

2. A Supplementary Act to the Act Entitled an Act to preserve the Navigation of the Rivers and Creeks within the Colony of New Jersey

3. An Act for Laying a Duty upon Negroe and Mullatto Slaves Imported into this province.

4. A Supplement to the Act for Regulating Roads and Bridges

5. An Act to prevent persons prosecuted in the Colony of New York for Trespasses Committed on Sandy Hook, being again prosecuted in New Jersey for the same.

6. An Act to postpone the Drawing of the province Lottery

7. An Act for Rendering Void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon for the Sale of Certain Lands lying in the County of Middlesex And to Relieve and Secure the Trustees and Managers of the said Lottery against any Action that is or *shall* or may be brought against them Concerning the same.

8. An Act to Impower the Trustees of the Colledge of New Jersey to Raise by Lottery a Sum of money for the use of the said Colledge

9. An Act to Enable the Owners of the Meadows and Marshes on the East side of Great Mantua Creek in the County of Gloucester to Drain the said Marshes and to keep their Tide-Bank in proper Repair

10. An Act to Enable the Owners of Meadows and Marshes Lying on the Westerly side of Racoon Creek in the County of Gloucester to keep out the Tide from Overflowing the same

11. An Act to Enable the owners and possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a small Creek Called Pumpessey or Walker's Creek in the Township of Chester in the County of Burlington, to Erect and Maintain a Bank, Dam and other Waterworks across the said Creek in order to prevent the Tide from Overflowing the same

After which His Excellency made the following Speech

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

The Readiness and Expedition with which you have gone through the Business of this Session does honour to yourselves and gives me the highest pleasure, As there is no necessity to detain you any Longer from your Domestick Concerns, I do prorogue this General Assembly to Tuesday the 26th day of October next, and they are prorogued accordingly

JOSIAH HARDY.

Burlington Sepr 25: 1762

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the 26th day of January 1763.

Present

His Excellency Josiah Hardy Esqr

The Honble Peter Kemble, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff } Esqrs

His Excellency Laid before the Board a Letter from the Right Honble The Earl of Egreemont His Majesty's principal Secretary of State dated at Whitehall 27th November 1762, which was read as follows.

Sir.

It is with great Pleasure I now acquaint you that on the 8th Instant, a Messenger Arrived from the Duke of Bedford, with the preliminary Articles of Peace, which had been Signed on the third of this Month at Fontainbleau by His Grace, and the Plenipotentiaries of France and Spain, and another Messenger having Yesterday brought the Ratifications of the said Preliminaries which had been Exchanged at Versailles on Monday last, His Majesty was pleased immediately to order a Proclamation, to be Published, declaring the

Cessation of Arms as well by Sea as Land, which I Enclose herewith, and am Commanded to Signify his Majestys pleasure to you, that you Cause the Same to be published in all the proper places under your Government, to the End that all his Majestys Subjects there, may pay due Obedience thereto and Strictly Observe the Same.

I Congratulate you most Sincerely on this fortunate Issue of *Peace* the King's unwearied Endeavours to put an End to the Calamities of so long and destructive a War, by restoreing, as far as has depended on His Majesty, the General Peace and Tranquility.

I am with Great Truth and Regard
Sir
Your most Obedient Hble : Servant
EGREEMONT.

His Excellency Also Laid before the Board His Majesty's Proclamation Inclosed in the Secretary of State's Letter, Declaring the Cessation of Arms, which was read as follows.

By the King
A Proclamation,

Declaring the Cessation of Arms, as well by Sea as Land, agreed upon between His Majesty, the Most Christian King, and the Catholick King, and Enjoining the Observance thereof.

George R.

Whereas Preliminaries for restoring peace were signed at Fontainbleau, on the third day of this Instant November, by the Ministers of us, the most Christian King, and the Catholick King. And Whereas for the putting an End to the Calamities of war, as soon and as far as may be possible, it has been agreed between us, His most Christian Majesty and his Catholick Majesty, as follows, that is to say,

That as soon as the preliminaries shall be signed and ratified all Hostilities should Cease at Sea and at Land.

And to prevent all Occasions of Complaints and disputes which might arise upon account of Ships, Merchandizes, and other Effects, which Might be taken at Sea, it has been also Mutually agreed, that the Ships, Merchandizes and Effects, which should be taken in the Channel, and in the North Seas, after the Space of twelve days, to be Computed from the Ratification of the present preliminary Articles, and that all Ships, Merchandizes, and Effects, which should be taken after Six Weeks from the said Ratification, beyond the Channel, the British Seas, and the North Seas, as far as the Canary Islands inclusively, wheather in the Ocean, or Mediterranean, and for the Space of three Months, from the said Cauary Islands to the Equinoctial line or Equator, and for the Space of Six Months, beyond the said Equinoctial line or Equator, and in all other places of the World, without any Exception, or other more particular distinction of time or place, should be returned on both sides. And whereas the Ratifications of the said preliminary Articles, were in due form Exchanged at Versailles, by the plenipotentiaries of us, of the most Christian King, and of the Catholick King, on the twenty Second of this Instant November, from which day the Several Terms above mentioned, of twelve days, of Six Weeks, of three Months, and of Six Months, for the Restitution of all Ships, Merchandizes, and other Effects, Taken at Sea, are to be computed.

We have thought fit, by and with the advice of our privy Council, to Notify the same to all our loving Subjects: And we do declare, that our Royall Will and Pleasure is, And we do hereby Strictly Charge and Command all our Officers; both at Sea and Land, and all other our Subjects whatsoever to forbear all Acts of Hostility, Either by Sea or Land, against his most Christian Majesty, and his Catholick Majesty, their Vassels or Subjects, from and after the Respective times above mentioned, and under the penalty of incurring our highest displeasure.

Given at our Court of St James's the twenty Sixth day of

November, in the third year of our Reign, and in the year of our Lord 1762.

God Save the King.

His Excellency proposed to the board the following persons to be Judges, Justices and Coroners for the County of Salem Viz^t

Edmund Wetherby Elisha Bassatt Samuel Smith Grant Gibbon Preston Carpenter John Holmes	Judges	Andrew Sinickson Edward Kearsby[1] Bartholemew Wyatt jun^r John Mahew Junr Benjamin Holmes	Justices

Edward Kearby[1]
Francis Miles
John Chamless } Corroners

To all which the Council Assented.

His Excellency Also proposed Patrick Brown and James Cole to be Justices of the Peace for the County Hunterdon William Wines and Samuel Hudson to be Justices of the peace in Morris County, And Anthony White Esqr to be a Justice of the Peace in the Countys of Middlesex and Somerset.

To which the Council Assented.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on the 24th day of February 1763.

Present
His Excell^y Josiah Hardy Esqr

Mr Morris
Mr Ogden
Mr Woodruff
Lord Stirling

[1] Keasbey.

His Excellency by Advice of Council Signed the following Warrants

N° 88.	To himself for a Quarters Salary as Governor of this Province Ending the 21st Inst Feb^y	£250	0	0
89.	To himself for a Quarters house rent Ending 21st Inst	15	0	0
90	To The Honble Robert Hunter Morris Esqr Chief Justice for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Inst	25	0	0
91.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr Second Justice of the Supreme Court for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Inst	6	5	0
92.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr for a Quarters Additional Salary	6	5	0
93	To Cortland Skinner Esqr Attorney General a Quarter's Salary Ending 21 : Inst	7	10	0
94.	To Charles Read Esqr Clerk of the Council for a Quarters Salary Ending 21 : Inst	7	10	0
95	To Samuel Smith Esqr one of the Treasurers for a Quarters Salary Ending 21st Inst	10	0	0
96.	To John Smyth Esqr Clerk of the Circuits for a Quarters Salary Ending 21 : Inst	5	0	0
97	To Samuel Smith Esqr for the use of Joseph Sherwood Esqr Agent of this Colony a Quarter's Salary Ending as above	20	0	0
98.	To the Executors of Andrew Johnston Esqr for Extraordinary Services from May 1761 to the Time of his death being the 21st June 1762	17	3	9

99. To Samuel Smith Esq[r] for Extraordinary Services from May 1761 to May 1762. Allowed by last Support Act.....	15 „	0 „	0
100. To Richard Hughes for his Salary for 9 Months as Doorkeeper of the Council Ending 21 : Ins[t].....	7 „	10 „	0

Proceedings of His Majesty's Council for the Colony of New Jersey at a Session of the General Assembly of said Colony begun and holden at Amboy in the Months of May and June, 1763.

Pursuant to sundry Prorogations of the General Assembly.

The House met. Thursday May 26, 1763.

Present

The Hon[ble] Peter Kemble, Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read } Esquires

His Excellency came into Council, and having by the Secretary informed the House of Assembly that he was in the Council Chamber ready to receive the Presentation of their Speaker. The House of Assembly attended, and presented Robert Ogden, Esq[r] as their Speaker, whom his Excellency was pleased to approve; after which his Excellency made the following Speech to both Houses.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

When it pleased his Majesty graciously to honour me with his Commission for this Government,[1] I considered it as a

[1] William Franklin, son of Benjamin Franklin, and last of the Colonial Governors, was commissioned September 9th, 1762, superseding Governor Hardy, who was removed from office on account of some differences between himself and his superiors in England, relative to the appointment of Judges. He arrived in New Jersey from England February 24th, 1763.

particular Felicity to be placed in that Station among a People that I knew, and whose general Character is so truly estimable

Not having received any Commands from the King or his Ministers, which required your immediate Consideration, I postpon'd the Pleasure of meeting you in your Legislative Capacity, till a Time, that from the best Information I could procure was least likely to interfere with your private Affairs

Two Events have lately occurred of great Import to the Welfare of the British Nation on which you have my most sincere and hearty Congratulations.

The auspicious Birth of a Prince, on a Day ever Sacred to Liberty and the Protestant Cause, cannot but diffuse Joy throughout the King's Dominions, as it gives us the pleasing Prospect of a Continuation to our Posterity, of those inestimable Blessings of civil and religious Liberty, which we have enjoyed without Interruption, under the present Royal Family.

The Termination of a long and burthensome War, by the late Definitive Treaty, is an Event as happy as it is glorious. A Peace is obtained for us by the Success of his Majesty's Arms, and the Wisdom and Firmness of his Councils, that cannot be parrallel'd for solid national Advantages, by any recorded in the British Annals, if in those of any other Nation. For indeed how rarely does it happen, that those powers who have been long engaged in War, find themselves ultimately benefited by it? Who of all the Princes of Europe, concerned in the late War, in which many of them had almost exhausted their last Resources, has acquired any Addition of Territory or any Compensation for Losses sustained, save only our most illustrious Sovereign? As in every Quarter of the Globe he was victorious; so in every Quarter he has retained some important Advantage, which the Nation was not in Possession of before. But in this part of the World, how great and glorious are our national Acquisitions! Instead of confining us to a narrow Sea Coast, which the French vainly attempted even before the

War, we see that powerful Nation not only dispossess'd of their Encroachments, but of the very Country from whence they encroached. A Country of immense Extent, and which in our Possession, not only gives effectual Security to these Colonies, but must in a short time occasion a vast Increase of the Commerce and Power of the British Empire. The steady Conduct of this Province during the Course of the War, and its constant Readiness in complying chearfully according to its Abilities, with every Requisition of the Crown, for promoting the common Service, must now afford you great Satisfaction in the Reflection, and will ever be remembered highly to your Honor.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

The Act for the Support of Government being expired you will of Course take that Matter into Consideration. In the doing of which, I flatter myself, that you will let the Royal Instruction my Predecessors have so often recommended to you on this Head, and which is entered on your Journals, have its proper Weight. And I have not the least Doubt, but that you will likewise do therein what Justice shall appear to you to require, and what is becoming the Honour of the Province you represent.

As you reside in different Parts of the Country, you have the best Opportunities of being acquainted with its present Circumstances and Occasions. If any new Laws, or Amendments of old Ones, appear to you to be necessary, you may be assured of my ready Concurrence in every Thing consistent with my Duty to the Crown, which I can never depart from, as I am persuaded you would not wish to deviate from yours, since you must be convinced that one of the surest Means of promoting the Prosperity and Happiness of the People in any Colony, is to obtain and secure, by a truly dutiful Behaviour, the Favour of their Sovereign, from whom they derive Protection in the Enjoyment of their Liberties, Properties, Religion, and every Thing that is valuable

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly:

Let me recommend it to you, now the publick tranquility is happily re-established, to pay an earnest attention to the Arts of Peace. There are probably some kinds of valuable produce, hitherto but slightly if at all attempted, that might with proper Encouragement be raised in this province, and tend much to the Advantage of the Inhabitants. Some Improvement might no Doubt be likewise made in the Navigation of Creeks and Rivers, and in the publick Roads. By turning your Thoughts to these Matters, it may be reasonably expected, that many Things will occur, which, if carried into Execution, would prove greatly beneficial not only to the Province, but to the Mother Country.

The Assemblies of this Province have of late years so distinguished themselves for their general Unanimity that it seems unnecessary to recommend it to them in their future Proceedings. I shall only observe, that its good Effects have been conspicuous and evident to all, and therefore I hope it will always continue.

As to myself, I am fully sensible, it is not what is promised, but what is done, in any Administration, that must finally settle its Character. I shall not therefore begin mine among you by making great Professions: But I hope in the Course of it, to demonstrate, by Actions, that I think the most effectual means of approving myself a faithful servant to my Royal Master, is to promote the true Interests of the Province, over which he has done me the Honour to place me, and to increase by every Means in my Power, the general Welfare and Happiness of its People.

Perth Amboy. May 26, 1763.

The House continued till Friday, 27th of May

The House met. present

Mr Kemble
Mr Woodruff
Lord Stirling
Mr Read

The House continued till Saturday, 28th of May.

The House met. Present, as before

The House continued till Monday May 30

the House met. Present

Mr Kemble
Mr Woodruff
Lord Stirling
Mr Read.

The House continued till Tuesday May 31

The House met. Present as before

Mr Stevens and Mr John Ogden from the House of Assembly, presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill, entitled, An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New Jersey, to commence the Twenty first Day of May One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty three, and to End the Twenty first Day of May One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty four, and to discharge the publick Debts and Contingent Charges thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned

Which Bill was read a first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr Borden and Mr Dey from the House of Assembly, pre-

sented for the Concurrence of this House, The Bill entitled, An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New Jersey.

Which Bill was read a first Time and ordered a second Reading.

The House continued till 3 o'Clock P. M.

Present as before

The Bill entitled, An Act for the Support of Government, &c. was read a second Time, and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill entitled, An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs, was read a second Time and ordered the third Reading.

The House continued till Wednesday June 1st 1763.

The House met. Present as before.

Mr Borden and Mr Dey from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House, The Bill entitled, An Act to provide for the pay of the New Jersey Regiment for the Month of November, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty two and for other purposes therein mentioned, Which Bill was read a first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

Mr Hart and Mr Anderson from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill, entitled An Act for naturalizing Jacob Albright, Daniel Dorn, Nicholas Angle, Benedict Yare, Johannes Nos, Gabriel Hymer, Johannes Heyler, Cornelius Ferberg, Johannes Hupple, and John Sneyder; Which Bill was read the first Time and ordered a second Reading

The House continued till Thursday June 2d 1763.

The House met Present as before.

Mr Ogden and Mr Reading from the House of Assembly, presented for the Concurrence of this House, the Bill, entitled, An Act for submitting the Property of Lands which are held or claimed by any of his Majesty's Subjects as lying within this Colony, and are affected by the Controversey about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New York, to such a Method of Decision as his Most Gracious Majesty shall think proper by his Royal Commission or otherwise to appoint. And also the Bill entitled, An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, to the Indemnification of this Province, from any Expence in running the Line between New Jersey and New York: Which Bills were read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The House continued till 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met. Present

The Honr Robert Hunter Morris,
Peter Kemble,
Samuel Woodruff,
Lord Stirling
Charles Read
} Esquires.

The Bill entitled An Act to provide for the pay of the New Jersey Regiment for the Month of November, &c was read a Second Time, and committed to Mr Kemble, Mr Woodruff and Mr Read.

The Bill entitled, An Act for naturalizing Jacob Albright and others was read a second time and ordered a third Reading.

Mr Kemble from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill, entitled An Act for the support of Government, &c reported the same without any Amendment

Ordered, That the said bill be read a Third Time; which being done, On the question

Resolved, That the same do pass

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same

The Bill, entitled, An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs &c was read a third Time

And on the Question,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr Woodruff do acquaint the House of Assembly that the said Bills passed this House without Amendments.

The Bill, entitled, An Act for submitting the property of Lands, which are held or claimed by any of his Majesty's Subjects as lying within this Colony, &c. was read a second Time and committed to Mr Kemble, Mr Woodruff, and Mr Read

The Bill, entitled, An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, &c. was read a second Time, and committed to Mr Kemble, Mr Woodruff, and Mr Read.

Mr Woodruff reported, that he had obeyed the above Order.

His Excellency came into Council, and having by the Secretary informed the House of Assembly that he was ready to receive their Address.

The Speaker and the House attended, and delivered the following address.

To his Excellency William Franklin, Esqr Captain General, and Governor in Chief in and over his Majesty's Province, of New Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same, &c

The humble Address of the Representatives of said Province, in General Assembly met,

May it please your Excellency,

We his Majesty's dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Repre-

sentatives of New Jersey, in General Assembly conven'd, beg leave to congratulate your Excellency, on your Appointment to, and safe Arrival in this Government.

Under the Disappointment of so unexpectedly and suddenly parting with an Administration, that in Governor Hardy, was disinterested, Candid and benevolent; It is a Matter of great Satisfaction, to behold in your Excellency a Successor, from whose Knowledge of our Circumstances, and kind Approbation of our Conduct hitherto, we have Reason to hope for a Continuation of every Domestick and publick Happiness, in the Power of a Governor to bestow, consistent with the Trust reposed in him; and no other we presume will be look'd for, nor will any Endeavours of ours be wanting, to render your Administration easy and happy. We acknowledge the Instance of Regard shewn to our private Affairs, in postponing the meeting of the House, to a Time of general Convenience; and having now the Pleasure of receiving your Excellency's Congratulations on the two important Events, the Birth of the Prince, and the Establishment of Peace, most heartily join in the Joy they occasion.

The general Advantages of the Peace, are entirely to our Satisfaction, we believe beyond Example glorious, and when we consider the Difficulties attending the Neighbourhood of Canada, and its Dependencies, the Terrors of their repeated Inroads and Encroachments from the beginning, but above all, the alarming savage Cruelties, we find ourselves unable to be sufficiently thankful for the Superintendency of that Part which being so near us falls more immediately within our own Observation and are at a Loss which under providence most to admire, the Wisdom that planned, the Power that executed, or Firmness that retained a Conquest of such immense national Value, and which to us on the Continent, also smooths the Hardships of a Country, in a great Part Wilderness, and amidst the Struggles of heavy Debts, and a new Settlement gives the cheering Hope of future Tranquility Ages to come will rejoice in the happy Event, and we trust the Recompence to our Mother Country, will prove unfailing

Returns of Wealth, and Gratitude, in a Manner not now easily foreseen

Considering the present Expence of living we have augmented the support of Government.

Such new Laws as were immediately wanted, have now been gone into. Others, no doubt, for the Improvement of Roads, Creeks, and Rivers, and the Promotion of Commerce may be wanted, and at proper Times will not fail to engage our Attention, and we thank your Excellency for mentioning them to us, and the assurances you have been pleased to give us concerning them.

By Order of the House,

June 2d 1763 ROBERT OGDEN, Speaker.

To which his Excellency made the following Answer.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,

It affords me great Pleasure, to find that his Majesty's Appointment of me to this Government, is so much to your Satisfaction.

I return you many Thanks for your kind Congratulations, and do assure you, that whatever you have granted for the Support of Government, shall, so far as relates to myself, be made use of for the Honour and Credit of the Province

The House continued till Friday June 3d 1763.

The House met. Present as before.

Mr Kemble from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, An Act to provide for the Pay of the New Jersey Regiment, &c. reported the same without Amendment.

Ordered, The said Bill be read a third Time.

On the Question.

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Mr Kemble, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, An

Act for submitting the Property of Lands, which are held or claimed by any of his Majesty's Subjects, as lying within this Colony, &c. reported the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third Time.

On the Question,

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Mr Kemble from the Committee, to whom was referred the Bill, entitled, An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, &c. reported the same without Amendment.

Ordered, That the said Bill be read a third Time.

On the Question.

Resolved, That the same do pass.

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same

The Bill, entitled, An Act for naturalizing Johannes Albright, and others, being read a third Time,

On the Question

Resolved, That the same do pass

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, That Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Read reported that he had obeyed the above as ordered.

The House continued till 3 o'clock P. M.

The House met. Present as before.

Mr Fisher and Mr Miller, from the House of Assembly, waited on the Council, and begged to be informed whether this House had any Business before them to prevent the Assembly's applying to His Excellency, to put an End to the Session.

The Council informed them that they had no Business before them, nor any objections to such an Application

His Excellency came into Council, and by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly

Peter Kemble, and John Stevens Esqr took the Oath of Allegiance, and made and subscribed the Declaration appointed by law, and also the usual Oath as Councellors, and Mr Stevens took his Seat accordingly.

Mr Morris Speaker of the Council delivered the following Address to his Excellency.

To his Excellency William Franklin, Esqr Captain, General, Governor, and Commander in Chief, in and over the Province of New Jersey, and Vice Admiral of the same.

The humble Address of his Majesty's Council of the Province of New Jersey

We His Majesty's Council for the Province of New Jersey, congratulate your Excellency on your appointment to the Government of this province and on your safe Arrival in it.

The knowledge your Excellency has of the People of this Province renders it needless in us to give you any Assurances of our Hopes of your Happiness in your Government, It is our Inclination as well as our Duty, to render your Situation here, agreeable to yourself, and your Administration useful to the Publick.

We most chearfully join in the general Joy on the Birth of the Prince of Wales, who we hope will inherit the Virtues, and live to enjoy the Crown of his Ancestors

The Termination of a long and expensive War, by a Peace that will ever be glorious in the British Annals, cannot but excite our sincere Veneration for the Wisdom of his Majesty's Councils, as well as our utmost Gratitude to Divine Providence for so happily restoring Peace and Tranquility to the whole Christian World.

By Order of the Council

Perth Amboy, June 3^{d} 1763. ROBERT H. MORRIS.

To which his Excellency returned the following Answer

Gentlemen of the Council.

I accept with Thanks this obliging Address As I have nothing more at Heart than to see this Province flourishing

and happy under my Government, it cannot but give me particular Pleasure to find that I may expect the Assistance of Gentlemen of your distinguish'd Abilities, and Zeal for his Majesty's Service

After which his Excellency gave his Assent to the following Bills.

1. An Act for the Support of Government of his Majesty's Colony of New Jersey, to commence the 21st Day of May 1763, and to End the 21st Day of May 1764, and to Discharge the publick Debts and contingent Charges thereof and for other Purposes therein mentioned.

2. An Act to provide for the pay of the New Jersey Regiment for the Month of November, 1762: and for other purposes therein mentioned.

3. An Act for submitting the Property of Lands which are held or claimed by any of his Majesty's Subjects, as lying within this Colony, and are affected by the Controversy, about the Boundary or Partition Line, between this Colony, and the Colony of New York, to such a Method of Decision, as his Most Gracious Majesty shall think proper by his Royal Commission or otherwise to Appoint.

4. An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, to the Indemnification of this Province from any Expence in running the Line between New Jersey and New York.

5. An Act to raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New Jersey

6. An Act for naturalizing Jacob Albright, Daniel Dorn, Nicholas Angle, Benedict Yare, Johannes Nos, Gabriel Hymer, Johannes Heyler, Cornelius Ferberg, Joseph Huppell, and John Snyder.

After which, his Excellency spoke to both Houses, as follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

The Harmony and Dispatch with which you have gone through the Business of this Session, is extremely commendable. I have now only to recommend to you, to promote in your several counties, such Principles and Dispositions, as may be most conducive to the Interest and Happiness of the People.

I do by Virtue of the Powers and Authorities to me given prorogue this General Assembly to meet at Burlington on Tuesday the fifth Day of July next, and you are accordingly prorogued.

Compared with the original, of which the above is a true copy.

JAMES PARKER, D Sec^t

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Saturday ye 4th Day of June, 1763.

Present

His Excellency William Franklin, Esq. Governor, Mr Morris, Mr Kemble, Mr Woodruff, Lord Stirling, Mr Read.

His Excellency by Advice of this Board signed the following Warrants

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N° 2.	To himself or Order, for his Salary, from the 25th Day of February, to the 21st Day of May last ℔ Support Bill	286 : 16 : —
3.	To himself for House Rent for the Time aforesaid	14 : 13 : 6
4.	To Robert H. Morris, Esqr Chief Justice of this Province for a Quarter's Salary, ending 21st May last	25 : — : —

5. To Samuel Nevill, Esqr for one Quarter's Additional Salary as 2^{d} Justice of Supreme Court, ending 21st day of May last.....	6 : 5 : —
6. To Samuel Nevil Esqr for his Salary as 2^{d} Justice of the Supreme Court for the Quarter ending 21st May last,	
7. To Charles Read, Esqr; for his Salary as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court to ye 21st May last ℘ Support Bill pass'd the 3^{d}.....	12 : 10 : —
8. To Cortland Skinner, Esqr for his Salary as Attorney General, for the Quarter, ending 21st May last.....	7 : 10 : —
9. To John Smyth Clerk of the Circuits for his Salary for the Quarter, ending 21st May last.....	5 : — : —
10. To Samuel Smith one of the Treasurers of this Colony for his Salary for a Quarter ending 21st Inst	10 : — : —
11. To Samuel Woodruff, Esqr for eighteen Days attendance in Council, and on Committees to this Day.....	5 : 8 : —
12. To Samuel Smith, for the Use of Joseph Sherwood, Agent at London, for a Quarter's Salary ending 21st May last.....	20 : — : —
13. To Charles Read, Clerk of the Council for a Quarter's Salary ending 21st May last	7 : 10 : —
14. To Peter Kemble, Esqr for 50 Days Attendance in Council from March 1761 to this day.....	15 : — : —
15. To Charles Read, in full for Expresses, allowed Support Bill passed ye 3^{d} Instant.....	53 : 12 : 8

16. To Charles Read, Esqr one of the Justices of the Supreme Court, for holding one Court of Oyer and Terminer, in Hunterdon, and another in Cape May in the Month of May 1761	20 : — : —
17. To Andrew Robinson Serjeant at Arms to the Assembly for Ten Days Attendance this Session	1 : 10 : —
18. To Richard Hughes Door-Keeper of the Council, for a Quarter's Salary, ended 21st May	2 : 10 : —
19. To Henry Angell, Doorkeeper to the Assembly for Ten Days Attendance this Session	1 : 15 : —

The Council advises his Excellency to appoint some other Person Doorkeeper of this Board.

His Excellency nominated the following Justices

Samuel Grandine to be a Justice in.....Morris County
Henry Alwood..,.....Somerset
John Hinchman, Henry Wood.....Gloucester
Andrew Dewar.. .....Salem
Joseph Temple, to be of the Quorum, in.....Hunterdon

Compared with the Original, of which the above is a true Copy JAMES PARKER, D Secr^{t}

Proceedings of his Majestys Council for the Province of New Jersey, at a Session of the General Assembly of said Province begun and holden at Perth Amboy.

Teuesday 14th Feby. 1764.

Pursuant to Sundry prorogations of the General Assembly, the House met.

Present

The Honble David Ogden	Esq^{rs}	Charles Read	Esq^{rs}
Samuel Woodruff		John Stevens	
Lord Stirling		John Ladd[1]	

The House Continued till

Wednesday February 15th

The House met,

Present.

The Honble David Ogden	Esq^{rs}	Charles Read	Esq^{rs}
Samuel Woodruff		John Stevens	
Lord Stirling		John Ladd	

The House Continued till

Thursday February 16th

The House Met

Present

The Honble David Ogden	Esq^{rs}	Charles Read	Esq^{rs}
Samuel Woodruff		John Stevens	
Lord Stirling		John Ladd	

His Excellency the Governor Came into Council and having by the Secretary Required the Attendance of the House of Assembly, The Speaker with the House Attended, when his Excellency made the following Speech to Both Houses.

"Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly,

At your last Sessions it was thought proper to postpone Complying with the Requisition of his Majestys General, until the Royal pleasure should be signified, and the Determi-

[1] John Ladd and Samuel Smith were appointed members of the Council August 31st, 1763, in the room of James Hude and Andrew Johnston, deceased.—*N. J. Archives, IX., 394.*

nations of the Other Colonies, with Regard to the Measure proposed, be made Known. I shall now give you all the Satisfaction in my power on both these Heads. By a Letter from the Right Honourable the Earl of Halifax, Secretary of State, I have Received his Majestys Orders "Earnestly to Recommend to you, forthwith to make provision for enabling me to Call out a Sufficient number of the Militia, or to raise such a reasonable Number of Troops, as, from the Actual State of the Indian War, the Commander in Chief of the King's Forces in North America shall think necessary; and to Employ them not only in defending and protecting the Lives and properties of his Majestys Subjects on the Frontiers of this Government, but also in Acting Offensively against the Indians, at such places, and in such Manner, as the said Commander in Chief shall direct. And his Majesty trusts that the Legislature of this Government, from their Zeal and Affection for his Service, as well as from a just Regard to the Safety and Welfare of the Colony, will Readily and Chearfully Concurr, in Exerting themselves upon this important Occasion, to the End that his Majestys Subjects in North America may peaceably Enjoy the Fruits of the many glorious Successes obtained there by his Majesty's Victorious Arms during the late war, and the Extensive Advantages Secured to them by the late Peace."

As to the Conduct of the other Colonies on this interesting Occasion, the Assembly of Pennsylvania, I am informed, Chearfully and immediately voted, the whole Number of Troops required of that province. But the Assemblies of the New England Governments, it seems, not thinking themselves so nearly concerned in the War, have thought proper to postpone their determinations on this Matter till March. The Expediency, however, of having a Considerable Body of Troops to take the Field early in the Spring, Supposing the Indians inclinable either to Peace or War, is so forcibly represented in a Letter I last Night Received from General Gage, and which shall be Communicated to you, that I think

you Cannot but Come into the same Sentiments, and act Accordingly. The Cause of the present defections among the Indians, You likewise at your last sitting intimated a desire, to be informed of. The many and Various Opinions which were then Circulated on that head, bore such evident Marks of being founded on Conjecture Only, that I could not think any of them Worthy your Attention. But I have since Received an Account of a Conference held by Sir William Johnston with a numerous Body of Indians in September last, wherein Sir William (who must be Supposed to have the best information) Says, "That the Indians, without any notice or provocation, fell upon our Traders" &c. But I refer you to the Conference itself, which I shall order to be laid before you, It does not Appear that even the Indians themselves alledge, or so much as insinuate, that the English had by any Offence whatever provoked the late Outrages. On the Contrary, one of their Speakers tells Sir William "the Seneca Warriours had owned, that their Sachems did not Act right, that the Onondagoes had wise men to guide them, but They had none, which was the Cause of the present Troubles." Matters being thus Circumstanced, the Necessity of sending an Armed force into the Indian Country, to bring them to a right Sense of their perfidious Conduct, is most Evidently Apparent. Indians, in general, are a Warlike People from their Infancy. They even entertain a thorough Contempt for the Nation who will make peace without obtaining Satisfaction for Injuries Suffered by the War. When that happens to be the Case, they Seize the first Opportunity of renewing their Hostilities. A recent Instance of this we have in the Creek Nation; who being invited to the late Congress held with the Southern Indians, accepted the Invitation, Received the Kings forgiveness for their former Offences, entered into a treaty of Friendship and Alliance, partook of the presents sent by his Majesty, and soon after destroyed a Number of the Back Inhabitants of South Carolina. In short, to obtain a solid and durable

peace with Indians, we must first make them feel the miseries of war. I have therefore, *Gentlemen of the General Assembly*, the fullest Reliance on the Assurances you gave me at your last sitting, of Complying with the Generals Requisition. By going Chearfully into this Reasonable and Necessary Measure, You will Confirm the favourable Sentiments his Majesty already entertains of the people of this province, and in the most Effectual Manner provide for their Security. The Militia, who were draughted for the protection of the Frontiers, are, since your last Sessions, relieved by the Troops raised for that purpose. The people have, during the Winter, remained at their Respective Habitations, and met with no disturbances from the Enemy; but as the Spring Advances, they are Apprehensive of Fresh Depredations. *Gentlemen of the Council, and Gentlemen of the General Assembly*, I think it proper at this time to mention to you, That some people in Pennsylvania having, Contrary to the Common principles of Humanity, murdered, in Cool Blood, a Number of Friendly Indians, who had long lived Peacebly among the Inhabitants of that province, in the Manner that the Indians at Brotherton have resided among us; and having also, in Contempt of the Government, which had taken them under its protection, threatened the destruction of other Indians Remaining there, tho' they had given the Strongest Proofs of their Attachment to the British Nation, I did, at the Request of Governor Penn, grant a passport for their safe Conduct through this Province, in their way to Sir William Johnson, They proceeded as far as Amboy, but being refused a passage through the Government of New York, they are Since returned to Philadelphia. A small number of them, who were well Recommended to me, are, with my Permission, placed near Woodbury, I having received Assurances that the Township will be put to no Charge for their Support. The principal Inhabitants there having given them a Friendly Reception: and I trust that there is not a person in this Province, but has a just Abhorrence of the Unmanly

Behavior of those lawless Rioters of Pennsylvania. To be ardently inclined to have the Indians now at open war with us Severely Chastised for their Perfidy is highly Commendable; yet, Surely, not only Humanity, but sound Policy, and Common Sense, dictate that we should give all the Encouragement and protection in our power to those who shew Themselves our Friends at such a Juncture. Frequent Meetings of the Legislature I well know to be Attended with Inconvenience to your private Affairs. It is therefore my fixed Intention never to Call you together but when the public Service makes it Necessary. Perhaps the going at this time into the Consideration of the Current Business of the year, may prevent the Occasion of a Sessions at an inconvenient Season: If this should be your Opinion, you may depend that my Concurrence will not be wanting.

The Speaker and the House of Assembly Returned to their Chamber & his Excellency withdrew.

The House Continued till

Friday February 17th

The House Met Present

The Honble David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff, Lord Stirling } Esq^rs^ Charles Read, John Stevens, John Ladd } Esq^rs^

The House Continued till

Saturday February 18th 1764

The House Met Present

The Honble David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff, Lord Stirling } Esq^rs^ Charles Read, John Stevens, John Ladd } Esq^rs^

The House Continued till

Monday February 20th

The House Mett Present

The Honble David Ogden Samuel Woodruff	Esqrs	Charles Read John Stevens	Esqrs
Rt Honble Earl of Stirling		John Ladd	

Mr Lawrence & Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled An Act for Raising a Number of Men in the Usual proportion not Exceeding Six hundred Officers included for the Ensuing Campaign and making provision for the same. Mr Fisher and Mr Dey from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entituled, An Act for the Support of Government of his Majestys Colony of New Jersey to Commence the 21st day of May 1764 and to End the 21st day of May 1765. and to discharge the public Debts and Contingent Charges thereof. Mr Vangeisen and Mr Keasby from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House, A Bill Entituled An Act to Naturalize Joseph Behringer, John Snoffer, George Windemude Gasper Shepperd, Walton Vokes, John Henry Snoffer, Martin Swort Walder, Adam Cunkle, Andrew Waggener, John Philip Weiker, and John Morkel, And also a Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners and proprietors of Certain Salt Meadow and Marsh lying in the Townships of Woodbridge and piscataway to make and keep open the Necessary drains, build and Repair Bridges and Gates for the Uses therein Mentioned, Which Bills were read a first time and ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till

Teusday Febr^{y} 21st 1764

The House Met

Present

The Honble David Ogden	Esq^{rs}	Charles Read	Esq^{rs}
Samuel Woodruff		John Stevens	
R^{t} Honb^{le} Earl of Stirling		John Ladd	

The Bill Entituled an Act for Raising a Number of Men in the Usual Proportion &c was read a second time & Committed to Committee of the whole House

The Bill Entituled An Act for the Support of Government &c was read a Second time and Committed to a Committee of the whole House.

The Bill Entituled "An Act to Naturalize Joseph Behringer and others, and also the Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the Owners and Proprietors of Certain Salt Meadow & Marsh &c were read a second time and Committed to Mr Read, Mr Stevens and Mr Ladd.

The House Continued till

Wednesday Febr^{y} 22. 1764

The House Met

Present

The Honb^{le} David Ogden	Esq^{rs}	Charles Read	Esq^{rs}
Samuel Woodruff		John Stevens	
R^{t} Honb^{le} Earl of Stirling		John Ladd	

Mr Skinner and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entituled An Act for Submitting the Property of Lands which are held or Claimed by any of his Majestys Subjects as lying within this Colony and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New York to such a Method of Decision as his most Gracious Majesty shall think proper by his Royal Com-

mission or otherwise to appoint, And also the Bill Entituled an Act for Subjecting the Estates of the General proprietors of the Eastern division of this Colony to the Indemnification of this Province from any Expence in Running the Line between N. Jersey and New York, which Bills were Read the first time and ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Read from the Comittee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of the Government reported the same without Amendment.

Ordered that the said Bill be read a third time, which being done

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Ladd do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Read from the Comittee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled An Act for Naturalizing Joseph Behringer & others, and also the Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the Owners & proprietors of Certain Salt Meadow and Marsh lying in the Township of Woodbridge and piscataway to make and Keep open the Necessary drains &c Reported the same without amendment.

Ordered that the said Bills be read a third time which being done

On the Question Severally.

Resolved that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Ladd do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Ladd Reported that he had Obeyed the above Orders.

The Bill Entituled An Act for Submitting the property of Lands which are held or Claimed by any of his Majestys Subjects as lying within this Colony &c

And also the Bill Entituled an Act for Subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division

of this Colony to the Indemnification of this province &c were read a second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled An Act for Submitting the property of Lands which are held or Claimed by any of his Majestys Subjects as lying within this Colony &c, and also the Bill Entituled an Act for Subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony to the Indemnification of this province &c.

Reported the said Bills without amendment

Ordered that the said Bills be Read a third time.

The Bill Entituled "An Act for Submitting the property of Lands which are held or Claimed by any of his Majestys Subjects, as Lying within this Colony and are Affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or Partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New York to such a Method of Decision as his Most Gracious Majesty shall think proper by his Royal Commission or otherwise to appoint," being read the third time.

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Read do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

The Bill Entituled "An Act for Subjecting the Estates of the General Proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, to the Indemnification of this province from any Expence in Running the Line between New Jersey and New York" being read a third time

On the Question,

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Read do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewth

Read Mr Reported that he had Obeyed the above Orders

The House Continued till

Thursday Febr^{y} 23rd 1764

The House Met Present

The Honb^{le} David Ogden Samuel Woodruff	Esq^{rs}	Charles Read John Stevens John Ladd	Esq^{rs}
R^{t} Honble Earl of Stirling			

Ordered that Mr Read do wait on his Excellency and Acquaint him that the Council have gone thro' the Business that during this Session has Come before them and have passed such Bills as have come to them from the Assembly Excepting the Bill Entituled "An Act for Raising a number of Men in the Usual proportion not Exceeding Six hundred, Officers Included for the Ensuing Campaign and making provision for the same," which they find of so uncertain a nature and so inadequate to the purposes Recommended in his Excellencys Speech as to leave them no Room to hope it can be of any Use in the Operations to be Carried on by the Kings General during the Ensuing Campaign, and therefore think themselves Obliged to Refuse it the Concurrence of this House.

Mr Read Reported that he had Obeyed the Above Order. His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary informed the House of Assembly that he was ready in the Council Chamber to Receive the Address of the House.

Mr Speaker and the House of Assembly Attended and delivered the following Address.

May it please your Excellency

We, his Majesty's dutifull and Loyal Subjects, the Representatives of New Jersey, in general Assembly Convened, have deliberately Considered the matters Recommended in your Excellencys Speech, and found it Necessary to go into some preperations for the general Service.

In the original Settlement of this Province, great Circumspection and Care was used to gain and preserve the

Friendship of the Indian Natives; their Lands were from time to time, fairly and openly purchased to their general Satisfaction; this Conciliated their Affection, and for a long Course of Time they were Eminently Servicable to the New Settlers; and since the begining of their Hostilities, lest some among them should think any part of their Land remained Unpurchased, Care was taken, at the Treaty of Easton, in 1758, to Obtain, for a valuable Consideration, a general Release for all the Lands in this province, Such parts only Excepted, as were Reserved for the use of those Indians that Inclined to live under the protection of this Government: This was done, and the money paid in Open Council, and their Approbation universally Expressed. Such therefore being the Circumstance of this province with Regard to the Indians, it became a Matter of Astonishment to us, that any Conduct of theirs should give Reason to fear their Intentions Respecting us. And whether they had actually any Design upon this Province or not, their Hostilities in the Neighbourhood of our Frontier, and in one doubtfull Instance Over the Line, were Inducements to place a Frontier Guard of Two hundred Men, for the Winter past. The Continuing this Guard, we beleive, might be Security for Our Small Frontier; but as their perfidy to the Neighbouring Governments seems to Require Chastisement, And the Operations to make a future Peace Effectual calls for the United force of the Colonys, we have now passed a Bill for Raising the Number of Men mentioned in the Generals Letters on Condition a Majority of the Eastern Colonys should Come into the Requisition, Concerning, that as we Can neither rank among *the most able* nor are *most Exposed by our Situation*, the making this Provision, by which our Levies may be as soon in the Field as any of the Eastern Colonies, is Coming up to the Demand of his Majesty, by the Secretary of State and the General, whilst we are thus preparing for bringing perfidious Savage Violators of public Faith to a Sense of their Interest, we would by no means be understood as including Resentment against all Indians. Experience Shews, as your Excellency

Justly Observes, that there are among them, notwithstanding the general Corruption of the Tribes, some that have distinguished Themselves by a long and Steady Attachment to the English, Such there are Among us; these demand our protection; Justice to the original Proprietors, whose Lands we purchased and Occupy, the Faith of the Government, the proofs of their Fidelity, Require it, and we have a well grounded Confidence in our Constituents, that no Occasion will be given (by any Act of theirs) to brand them with the Loss of their distinguished Faculties; nor plunge into a Conduct that, besides incurring the penaltys of Government, tends to Banish Justice from the World, stains the Christian Name, and Stamps disgrace upon human Nature, by punishing the Innocent for what the Guilty only should suffer.

February 24. 1764 By order of the House
ROBERT OGDEN Speaker

Then his Excellency gave his Assent to the Following Bills

An Act for Submitting the property of Lands which are held or Claimed by any of his Majestys Subjects, as lying within this Colony, and are affected by the Controversy about the Boundary or partition Line between this Colony and the Colony of New York to such a Method of decision as his most Gracious Majesty shall think proper by His Royal Commission or otherwise to appoint.

An Act for subjecting the Estates of the General proprietors of the Eastern Division of this Colony, to the Indemnification of this province, from any Expence in Running the Line between New Jersey and New York. An Act to Naturalize Joseph Behringer, John Snoffer, George Windemude Gasper Sheppard, Walton Vokes, John Henry Snoffer, Martin Swort Welder, Adam Cunckle, Andrew Wagener, John Philip Weicker, and John Morkell.

An Act to Enable the Owners and possessors of Certain Salt Meadows & Marsh lying in the Township of Woodbridge and piscataway, to make & keep open the Necessary

drains, build and Repair Bridges and Gates for the Uses therein Mentioned.

An Act for the Support of Government of his Majestys Colony of New Jersey to Commence the twenty first day of May 1764 and to End the twenty first day of May 1765 and to discharge the public Debts & Contingent Charges thereof.

After which his Excellency made the Following Speech to the House of Assembly.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

His Majesty's Council being of Opinion that your Supply Bill is of too Uncertain a Nature, and too inadequate to the purpose, cannot let it pass their House, As it has therefore not yet Come before me, my Opinion of it is not to be Expected, any otherwise than as founded on the Account of it Contained in Your Address. Upon that Representation alone, I cannot but be of the same Sentiments with the Honourable Gentlemen of the Council. But to prevent any Altercation which a particular Disquisition on the Subject of a Money Bill might Occasion, I think it Expedient to give you a Short Prorogation, that you may have an Opportunity of bringing in a New Bill not liable to the same Objections as the present.

I do therefore prorogue you to Two o Clock this Afternoon, then to meet at *Perth Amboy*.

Feby 23. 1764.

Thursday Febr^{y} 23^{d} 1764. 2 o'Clock P. M.

Pursuant to Prorogation the House met.

Present

The Honb^{le} David Ogden Samuel Woodruff	Esq^{rs}	Charles Read John Stevens John Ladd	Esq^{rs}
R^{t} Honble Earl of Stirling			

Mr Lawrence and Mr Hart from the House of Assembly presented the Bill Entituled "An Act for Raising a Number of Men in the Usual proportion, not Exceeding Six hundred

Officers included for the Ensuing Campaign, and for making provision for the Same," and Desired the Concurrence of this House to the said Bill.

Ordered that the said Bill be read, and the said Bill being three times Read,

On the Question Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same.

Ordered that Mr Read do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith

Mr Read Reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

Mr Vangeisen, and Mr Anderson from the House of Assembly desired to Know if this House had any Business before them to prevent their applying to the Governor to be dismissed.

The Speaker Acquainted them that this House had no Objections to their making that application.

His Excellency Came into Council, and having by the Secretary Required the Attendance of the House of Assembly, they attended, when his Excellency gave his Assent to the Bill Entituled An Act for Raising a number of Men in the Usual proportion not Exceeding Six hundred Men Officers Included for the Ensuing Campaign and for making provision for the Same."

His Excellency then prorogued the General Assembly to the 20th Day of March next, then to meet at Burlington.

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Compared by
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At a Privy Council held at the City of Perth Amboy the 20th day of February 1764.

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esquire Governor

David Ogden } Esqrs
Samuel Woodruff }
Earl of Stirling

John Stevens } Esqrs
John Ladd

His Excellency Acquainted the Council that The Honb^le Robert Hunter Morris Esqr late Chief Justice of this province departed this Life on the 27th day of January last and he Nominated Charles Read Esqr as a proper Person to Succeed to that Office and desired their Advice thereon.

The Council do Unanimously Approve of the said Charles Reads appointment to the Office of Chief Justice and do advise His Excellency to issue the patent to him for that purpose.

His Excellency Observed that by appointing Charles Read Esqr as Chief Justice there would be Vacant a Seat on the Bench of the Supreme Court of the province as Mr Nevill the second Justice was rendered incapable of attending his Duty at present by the palsy, and acquainted the Board that Mr John Berrian had been well Recommended to him to fill that place and Desired the Advice of the Board thereon. The Council do approve of the appointment of Mr John Berrian as One of the Justices of the Supream Court of this province and do advise his Excellency to Issue the Commission accordingly.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Tuesday Feby 21 1764

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^rs
Earl of Stirling

Charles Read, John Ladd } Esq^rs

Charles Read Esqr took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Declarations Enjoyned by Law and an Oath for the due Execution of the Office of Chief Justice of this province.

John Berrian Esqr took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the Declarations Enjoined by Law and an Oath for the due Execution of the Office of one of the Justices of the Supream Court. His Excellency Nominated

Jonathan Frazey & Reuben Runnion as Judges in Middlesex and Thomas Walker to be a Justice of the Quorum in said County, James Cole a Justice of the peace in Hunterdon County, Samuel Lynch a Justice of the peace in Salem County William Miller as a Justice of peace in Essex County to which the Council Agreed.

His Excellency by Advice of Council signed the Following Warrants.

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N° 41.	To his Excellency Wm Franklin Esqr for a Quarters Salary as Governor of this Colony ending this day.....	300.	0.	0
42.	To ditto for a Quarters House Rent End^g this day.....	15.	0.	0
43.	To Charles Read Esqr for a Quarters Salary as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court ending this day.....	12.	10.	0
44.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr for a Quarters Salary as one of the Justices of the Supreme Court ending this day.....	12.	10.	0
45.	To Courtland Skinner Esqr for a Quarters Salary as Attorney General of this Colony Ending this day.....	7.	10.	0
46.	To Samuel Smith Esqr for a Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Colony ending this day.....	10.	0.	0
47.	To Stephen Skinner Esqr in full for his Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Colony and for the Money allowed for Extraordinary Services ℔ Act of Assembly.....	70.	13.	10
48.	To Samuel Nevill Esqr allowed ℔ the Act for defraying incidental Charges &c passed last Session at Burlington.	30.	0.	0
49.	To Charles Read Esqr for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council of this Colony ending this day.....	7.	10.	0

N° 50.	To Joseph Sherwood Esqr for a Quarters Salary as Agent of this Colony at London Ending this day.....	20 . 0 . 0
51.	To John Smith Esqr for a Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits of this Colony Ending this day.....	5 . 0 . 0
52.	To Richard Hughs for a half years Salary as door Keeper to the Council ending this day.....	5 . 0 . 0
53.	To Richard Smith Esqr Clerk of the House of Representatives, for 23 days Attendance on the House of Assembly in November and December last £11 „ 10 „ also twelve pounds Six Shillings and Eight pence for Copying the Laws and Votes for the Printer and Entering the Votes fair in the Journal.....	23 . 16 . 8

At a Council Held at Perth Amboy on Thursday the 23^d day of February 1764.

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff } Esq^rs
The Earl of Stirling

Charles Read, John Stevens, John Ladd } Esq^rs

His Excellency came into Council and informed them that he had Carefully perused the Bill Entitled "An Act for Raising a number of Men in the Usual proportion &c, and that as the Act did not Correspond with his Majestys Instructions he desired the advice of the Council thereon.

The Council Acquainted his Excellency that they had tryed every probable Method to prevail on the House of Assembly to form the Bill in a different Manner, without the wished for Success, That the Assembly of this Colony had Con-

stantly offered them Supply Bills Similar to this, That it had not been in the power of any of the Governors his Excellencys predecessors since the Commencement of the Late War to obtain the Supplys in any other Manner, And as the failure of this Bill may have a Tendency to prevent the Neighbouring Colonies from yielding to his Majesty the Aid the Commander in Chief of his Forces in America thinks Requisite to defend his Majestys provinces, and Make Attempts on the Indian Enemy; They therefore Unanimously Advise his Excellency to give his Assent to the Bill in its present Form.

His Excellency by Advice of Council Ordered that an Ordinance should Issue for holding the Supreme Courts of Judicature of this Province for the Future at Perth Amboy on the Second Teusday in April, and the third Teusday in September, and at Burlington on the Second Teusday in May and the first Teusday in November Annually, and in Other Respects Agreeable to the Ordinance at present in force for holding the Same.

A true Copy from the Minutes of Council Compared by
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At a Meeting of the Council at Burlington Wednesday May 22d 1765.

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

The Honble Peter Kemble Esqr, Lord Stirling, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs

James Parker Esqr presented to his Excellency His Majestys Mandamus in the following Words Vizt

George R.

Trusty and welbeloved We greet you well, We being well Satisfied with the Loyalty Integrity and Ability of our Trusty and Welbeloved James Parker Esqr have thought fit hereby to Signify Our Will and pleasure to you that forthwith upon

Receipt hereof You Swear and Admit him the said James Parker to be of our Council in our province of New Jersey in America, in the Room of Richard Saltar Esqr deceased. And for so doing this shall be your Warrant, And so We Bid you farewell. Given at our Court at St James's the Twentieth Day of July 1764 in the fourth Year of our Reign.

By His Majestys Command

DUNK HALIFAX

Superscribed

To our Trusty and Welbeloved William Franklin Esquire Our Captain General and Governor in Chief in and Over our province of Nova Cæsarea, or New Jersey, in America, and in his Absence, to the President of our Council, or the Commander in Chief of our said Province for the Time being.

The Honourable Frederick Smith Esqr presented to his Excellency His Majestys Mandamus in the following Words.

George R.

Trusty and Welbeloved We Greet you well, We being well Satisfied with the Loyalty Integrity and Ability of our Trusty and Welbeloved Frederick Smyth Esqr have thought fit hereby to Signify our Will and pleasure to you that forthwith upon Receipt hereof you Swear and Admit Him the said Frederick Smyth to be of our Council in our province of New Jersey in America, in the Room of Robert Hunter Morris Esqr deceased And for so doing this shall be your Warrant, And so we bid you farewell. Given at our Court at St James's the Twentieth Day of July 1764. in the Fourth Year of our Reign.

By His Majestys Command

DUNK HALIFAX

Superscribed

To our Trusty and Well Beloved William Franklin Esqr Our Captain General and Governor in Chief, in and over our province of Nova Cæsarea, or New Jersey, in America; And,

in his Absence to the president of our Council, or the Commander in Chief of our said province for the Time being.

Whereupon the said James Parker and Frederick Smyth Esq^{rs} took the Oaths and made and Subscribed the declarations enjoyned by Law, and the Oath for the due Execution of the Duty and Office of One of His Majestys Council for this Province, and took their Seats in Council Accordingly.

His Excellency Nominated Robert Stockton to be a Justice of the Peace in the County of Middlesex, John Gill to be a Justice of the Peace in the County of Essex, Samuel Wells to be a Justice of the Peace in the County of Morris, and David Gage to be a Justice of the Peace in the County of Bergen; to which Nomination the Council Assented.

At a Council held at Burlington June 8th 1765.

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

The Honble Peter Kemble	Esq^{rs}	John Smith	Esq^{rs}
L. M. Ashfield		John Stevens	
Lord Stirling		John Ladd	
Charles Read Esqr		James Parker	
		Fred. Smyth	

His Excellency laid before the Board a Petition from Sundry Inhabitants of Bridge Town in the County of Burlington praying a Charter for Incorporating them by the Name of the Library Company of Bridge Town, And the draft of the Charter being Read and Approved of The Board Advise his Excellency to Affix the Seal thereto.

His Excellency Nominated John Furman, James Throckmorton and Webly Edwards as Justices of the Peace in Monmouth County, And John Rockhill to be a Justice of the Peace in Hunterdon.

To which the Council Assented.

His Excellency acquainted the Board that Mr John Moore

of Woodbridge and Mr John Dennis of Brunswick had been Well Recommended to him to Succeed the Sherriff of Middlesex, which Recommendation he laid before the Board and they were Read. On Considering the Same the Council Advise his Excellency to appoint John Moore to Succeed James Brooks as Sherriff of Middlesex when his Commission shall by Law Expire.

At a Council held at Burlington Thursday June 20th 1765.

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

The Honble L. M. Ashfield, Charles Read, John Stevens } Esqrs
John Ladd, James Parker, Fred. Smyth } Esqrs

His Excellency informed the Board that he had Observed in the Road Bill and the Bill for paying the Arrearages to the Forces, the Commissioners appointed therein to carry those Acts into Execution are made Accountable to the House of Assembly only which is a thing Contrary to his Instructions, and he desired the Opinion of this Board, whether the Service provided for is so necessary as ought to Induce him to pass such Bills.

The Council Acquainted the Governor that they had Attempted to procure an Alteration in this respect without Success, and having at present no Expectation of having an Alteration in this Matter, And as in Regard to the Roads the Service is Recommended by His Majestys Ministers and Essential to the Publick, and the Troops must Suffer greatly for want of Pay unless the Governor should pass the Second Bill.

Therefore the Council Advise His Excellency to Pass both these Bills. And Also the Barrack Bill being under Like Circumstances The Board Advise his Excellency to Pass that Bill Also. A Petition was Read from the Minister and Parishioners of the Lutheran Congregation of Raccoon and

Penns Neck in the Counties of Salem and Gloucester praying a Charter of Incorporation, By the Name of the Rector, Church Wardens and Vestry Men of the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Town of Sweedsborough near Raccoon Creek, may be Granted them, to Enable them the better to Support the said Church and Regulate the Matters Appertaining to the Necessary Business of said Church, and a Draft of the Charter was Read and approved of.

The Like from the Minister and Congregation of the Church at Bridgetown or Mountholly in the County of Burlington, praying a Charter of Incorporation by the Name of Saint Andrews Church may be granted them, which was Also Read and approved of.

A Petition from Sundry Inhabitants of Nottingham in the County of Burlington was Read praying that a Charter of Incorporation might be granted them by the name of the Library Company of Bridgetown in Order to Enable them to Regulate the Affairs and to Establish Rules & Orders for the Better Government of the said Company, And the Draft of the Charter being Read was Approved of.

The Council Advise his Excellency the Governor to Affix the Great Seal to the said Charters of Incorporation.

His Excellency was pleased to Sign the following Warrants.

N°	93.	To his Excellency William Franklin Esqr One Quarters Salary as Governor of this Colony Ending the 21st of May last.....	£300 „	— „ —
N°	94.	To do 1 Q^r House Rent End:g 21st May Last.....	15 „	— „ —
	95.	To the Honble Frederick Smyth Esqr Chief Justice in full of his Salary from the date of his Commission till the 21 May last.....	89 „	6 „ —
	96.	To the Honble Charles Read Esqr Second Justice of the Supream Court of this Colony in full of his Salary from the date of his Com-		

	mission to the 21 May last, Allowed ⅌ Support Bill.....	27 „ 1 „ 8
97.	To Charles Read Esqr Secretary his Acc^t for Expresses &c, to the 21st May last allowed ⅌ d^o.....	37 „ 15 „ 2
98.	To ditto for Cape May Circuit.....	10 „ — „ —
99.	To the Honble Frederick Smyth Esqr for Hunterdon, Salem, Cumberland & Gloucester Circuits.....	40 „ — „ —
100.	To the Honble John Berrien Esqr Third Justice of the Supream Court, One Quarters Salary end:g 21 May last ⅌ Support Bill.....	12 „ 10 „ —
101.	To Courtland Skinner Esqr Attorney General of the Colony of New Jersey One Q^r Salary Ending 21st May last ⅌ Support Bill.....	7 „ 10 „ —
102.	To Samuel Smith Esqr One Q^r Salary as one of the Treasurers of the Colony of New Jersey Ending 21 May last ⅌ Support Bill 1765.....	10 „ — „ —
103.	To d^o for Extra:y Services ⅌ Support Bill 1764.....	15 „ — „ —
104.	To Stephen Skinner for A Q^r Salary as One of the Treasurers of the Colony of New Jersey End:g 21st May as ⅌ Support Bill.....	10 „ — „ —
105.	To Stephen Skinner Esqr for Extra Services ⅌ Support Bill 1764.....	15 „ — „ —
106.	To Joseph Sherwood Esqr Agent of this Colony or to the Agent for the Time being Appointed by the House of Representatives One Q^r Salary as ⅌ Support Bill.....	20 „ — „ —
107.	To Joseph Warrall Esqr Clerk of the Circuits One Q^r Salary as ⅌ Support Bill.....	5 „ — „ —

108.	To Charles Read Esqr Clerk of the Council as ℔ Support Bill.....	7 „ 10 „ —
109.	To David Overton Door Keeper to the House of Assembly for 31 Days attendance @ 3/6.....	5 „ 8 „ 6
110.	To Thomas Wetherill Serjeant at Arms to ditto 31 days attendance...	4 „ 13 „ —
111.	To the Honble Lewis Morris Ashfield Esqr One of his Majestys Council 32 Days attendance @ 6/ ℔ Day...	9 „ 12 „ —
112.	To the Honble Jno Stevens Esqr 58 days Attendance @ 6/ ℔ Day.....	47 „ 8 „ —
113.	To the Honble James Parker Esqr 35 d^{o}.....	10 „ 10 „ —
114.	To the Honble Frederick Smith Esqr 37 days @ 6/ ℔ Day.....	11 „ 2 „ —
115.	To the Honble John Smyth Esqr 31 days.....	9 „ 6 „ —
116.	To the Honble Charles Read Esqr 45 d^{o} @ 6/ ℔ Day.....	13 „ 10 „ —
117.	To the Honble John Ladd Esqr 33 d^{o}	9 „ 18 „ —

Compared with the Original Minutes of Council

CHAS READ D Secr

Proceedings of His Majestys Council for the Province of New Jersey at a Session of the General Assembly begun and held at Burlington on Tuesday the 21st May 1765

Pursuant to Sundry Prorogations of the General Assembly, the House Met.

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble Esqr

Lord Stirling, Charles Read, John Smith } Esq^{rs}

The House Continued till

Wednesday May 22d 1765

Present

The House Met. The Honble Peter Kemble Esqr

Lord Stirling
Charles Read } Esqrs
John Smyth

His Excellency the Governor came into Council and by the Secretary having required the Attendance of the House of Assembly the Speaker with the House Attended, when His Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker, & Gentlemen of the Assembly

It is with infinite satisfaction that I embrace this first Opportunity of Congratulating you upon the happy Termination of Hostilities with the Indians. By the Wise Measures of his Majesty's General, and the judicious, Spirited Conduct of Col. Boquet, they have been reduced to Accept the most humiliating Terms of Accomodation. They were not only Compelled to deliver up all their Prisoners, but even their own Children born of White Women; and to give up a Number of their principal Chiefs to remain as Hostages till they should send Deputys to Sir William Johnston, to Settle a Peace upon such further Terms as he should think Necessary.

The Troops you Enabled me to Send into the Field for the Last Campaign were of Considerable Service: Their Behaviour in every respect was such as did Honour to the Province. The Guards placed on our Frontiers have likewise done their Duty, and the Inhabitants have been fully protected from the Incursions of the Enemy.

I have it in Charge from His Majesty to recommend to you the Facilitating the Conveyance of Letters, by the Posts, through this Province A regular Safe, and Speedy Corre-

spondence is of the utmost Importance to His Majesty's Service, and to the Commercial Interest and General Convenience of His Subjects. It is therefore not to be doubted but the Legislatures of the Several Colonies will readily and Chearfully promote the Establishment of Ferries, the Erection of Bridges, the Improvements of Roads, and what ever else may Contribute to prevent delays and Interruptions to the Posts in Passing. His Majestys Deputy Postmasters General for the Northern District of America, having given me Assurances that if the Legislature of this Province will Cause Bridges to be Erected over Ancocus, and the Creek near the Barracks in the City, they will Order the Posts to take that Route in their way between New York and Philadelphia; as the Communication will be thereby considerably shortned, and rendered far more Certain. The many Advantages to the Province in General which will Attend this measure, if carried into Execution, will in my Opinion greatly over Ballance any Inconveniences it may Occasion: Indeed all of the Latter which I have yet heard Suggested, have been either Imaginary or such as are merely local, and might be easily obviated.

I have received from the Lords Commissioners for Trade & Plantations, an Order of his Majesty in Council, repealing the *Act for rendering void the Lottery lately made by Peter Gordon, for the Sale of certain Lands in the County of Middlesex*, passed in the Time of your Late Governor. Their Lordships Reasons for proposing the Repeal of this Act, and for not laying before his Majesty an Act, passed at the Same Time, *for imposing a Duty on the Importation of Negroes*, will appear by an Extract of their Letter[1] which the Secretary will Communicate to you.

It would afford me, Gentlemen, the greatest Pleasure to see the Inhabitants of this Province, now Peace is so happily Established, turning their Attention to the Cultivation and production of such Articles as might serve for Remittances to

[1] For this letter, see N. J. Archives, IX., 444.

the Mother Country: and which, at the same time that they tended to her Advantage might prove beneficial to the Colony. For this purpose I would Recommend to you to grant a Bounty to Encourage the Raising of Hemp and Flax, and the Cutting of Plank and Timber for Exportation to Great Britain, The Parliament have Already granted some Encouragement to the Two first Articles; and the truly Laudable Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce, have shewn a Disposition to promote the others. They have, for that End, Sent into several of the Colonies Boxes Containing Specimens of divers Sorts of Fir Timber, and Deals, which are Imported into England from Riga and Norway, with a Discription of the Same, and the prices they are Sold at.

One of those Boxes and Descriptions I have Received, and shall Order to be Shewn to any of the Inhabitants who may incline to see them. This you may depend on, that every Species of Timber has for many years been Rising in Price in Great Britain; and that there is Scarce anything wanting to make a ready Vent for Oak, Fir, Pine, Cypress, and Cedar from America, but a Knowledge of the Scantlings wanted for each particular Use, and to Cut for that Market good Wood in the Right Season.

The Society before mentioned have likewise given handsome premiums for the Encouragement of the Culture of Silk, and the making of Wine and Potash in America, and as they might be produced in this Province (as appears by some Experiments made in the Neighbouring Colonies) it may be worth your Enquiry, whether it would not be proper for the Legislature to grant such Further Assistance as may be Sufficient to incite the People to undertake the Production of those Valuable Articles.

The Militia Law being near Expired, it is Necessary that you should take that Matter into your Consideration. A well Regulated Militia is of the Utmost importance to the Security of the Inhabitants from Foreign Invasions and internal Commotions. Our Law for that Purpose has been

Generally Complained of as defective in Several Material Points, but I hope this Sessions will produce one less liable to Objection.

Mr Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

Besides the due Support of His Majesty's Government, I have only to recommend that you would make provision for the Pay owing to the Forces Raised last Year for the Time they were Obliged to serve after the first day of November.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr Speaker and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

So many Benefits have resulted from a perfect Harmony subsisting between the different Branches of the Legislature in this Province, that I am Convinced no Arguments are Necessary to induce you to Endeavour its preservation and Continuance. I shall therefore only add my earnest Wishes that all your Consultations may be productive of the most happy Consequences to this Country.

The Speaker and the House of Assembly withdrew
The House Continued till

Thursday May 23^d 1765

The House Mett

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble Esqr
Lord Stirling
Charles Read
John Smith
John Ladd } Esq^rs
James Parker
Frederick Smyth

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Dye and Mr Keasby as follows.

House of Assembly Thursday May 23d 1765

On Motion made

Ordered that Mr Smith, Mr Skinner, Mr Fisher, Mr Wetherill, Mr Cooper, Mr Miller & Mr Hart, be a Committee to Confer with a Committee of the Council on the Calamitous Situation of this Province respecting Debts and Law Suits and to Enquire whether any thing can be done for the better Ascertaining titles to Land.

The House Continued till

Fryday May 24th 1765

The House Mett

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble Esqr
Lord Stirling
Charles Read
John Smith
John Ladd
James Parker
Frederick Smyth } Esqrs

Ordered, that Mr Read, Mr Smith, Mr Parker and Mr Chief Justice be a Committee to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly on the Subject Matter of the Message of that House of Yesterday, and that the Committees do Meet for that Purpose at the Council Chamber in the Secretarys Office at four o Clock this Afternoon.

Ordered that Mr Ladd Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Ladd Reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

John Carty Produced a Commission appointing him Door Keeper of this House dated 22d Instant which was Read.

The House Continued till

Saturday May 25th 1765

The House Mett

Present

The Hoñble Peter Kemble Esqr
Lord Stirling
Charles Read
John Smith
John Ladd
James Parker
Frederick Smyth
John Stevens
} Esqrs

A Message from the House by Mr Hoghland and Mr Dye as follows.

House of Assembly May 25th 1765

Ordered,

That Mr Wetherill, Mr Fisher, Mr John Ogden, Mr Borden & Mr Hart or any three of them, be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council to Inspect the Western Treasurers Accounts and burn the Cancelled Money in his Hands and make Report to the House, and that Mr Hoghland and Mr Dye do inform the Council thereof and desire the Council to appoint a Committee for that purpose and Time and Place of Meeting.

The House Continued till

Monday May 27th 1765

The House Mett

Present

Peter Kemble Esqr
The Honble Lord Stirling
Charles Read
John Smith
John Ladd
James Parker
John Stevens
L. M. Ashfield
Samuel Woodruff
} Esquires.

Mr Chief Justice Smyth being gone the Circuit to Salem and Cumberland Counties, Ordered that Mr Stevens be added to the Committee to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly on the Subject Matter of their Message of the 23d Instant.

Ordered that Mr Ashfield and Mr Stevens be a Committee to join the Committee of the House of Assembly to Inspect the Western Treasurers Accounts and burn the Cancelled Money in his Hands, and that they Meet for that Purpose at the Treasury on Wednesday next at Eight o'clock in the Morning.

Ordered that Mr Ladd do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The House Continued till

Tuesday May 28th 1865, The House Mett,

Present

	Peter Kemble Esqr		James Parker	Esqrs
	Lord Stirling		John Stevens	
The	Charles Read	Esqrs	L. M. Ashfield	
Honble	John Smith		Saml Woodruff	
	John Ladd			

Mr Ladd reported that he had Obeyed the Order of Yesterday.

Mr Wetherill and Mr Hart presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Treasurers of this Colony or either of them to Receive and pay Certain Sums of Money therein mentioned and to give a proper discharge for the Sum received.

Which Bill was Read the first time & Ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till

Wednesday May 29th 1765, The House Mett

Present

	Peter Kemble Esqr	James Parker	Esqrs
	Lord Stirling	John Stevens	
The	Charles Read	L. M. Ashfield	
Honble	John Smith	Saml Woodruff	
	John Ladd		

Mr Dye and Mr Keasby from the House of Assembly, Presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a Small Creek called Newport, between the Township of Stow Creek and Greenwich in the County of Cumberland, to Erect and Maintain a Bank, Dam, & other Waterworks across the said Creek, in Order to prevent the Tide from Overflowing the Same.

Which Bill was Read the first Time & Ordered another Reading. The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Treasurers of this Colony or either of them to Receive and pay Certain Sums of Money therein mentioned and to give a proper Discharge for the Sums so Received, was Read a Second time and Ordered a third Reading.

Mr Read from the Committee appointed to Confer with the Committee of the House of Assembly on the Calamitous Situation of this Province Respecting Debts and Law Suits, Reported that the said Committees had met in free Conferrence thereon Several Times & had Mutually agreed upon Certain heads of a Bill to be Entituled An Act for Regulating the Practice of the Law &c.

Which Heads by leave of the House he Reported and they were Respectively Read and Agreed to.

The House Continued till

Thursday May 30th 1765 The House Mett

Present

Peter Kemble Esqr		John Smith	Esqrs
Lord Stirling		John Stevens	
Charles Read	Esqrs	John Ladd	
L M. Ashfield		James Parker	

Mr Johnston and Mr Keasby from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled "An Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp lying on little Mantua Creek in the County of Gloucester to keep up and maintain the Dam, Bank, and other Water Works across the said Creek, and to keep the Water Course thereof open and Clear.

Which Bill was Read the first Time & Ordered a Second Reading

The Bill Entituled "an Act to Enable the Treasurers of this Colony or either of them to Receive and Pay Certain Sums of Money therein mentioned &c" was Read the Third Time, and on the Question

Resolved that the Same do Pass.

Ordered, that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered, that Mr Parker do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Ashfield Moved for Leave to bring in a Bill for the Preservation of Fish in the River Delaware.

Ordered,

That he have Leave to bring in a Bill for those Purposes.

Mr Ashfield according to Leave brought in a Bill Entituled "An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the River Delaware, and to Prevent Obstructions in the Navigation Thereof." Which was Read the first Time and Ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Parker reported that he had Obeyed the above Order

The Bill Entituled "An Act to Enable the Owners &

Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a Small Creek called Newport between the Townships of Stow Creek and Greenwich in the County of Cumberland to Erect and Maintain a Bank &c^a was Read the Second time, and this House being Satisfied that the Proper Notice had been given of the Intention of the Petitioners to apply for this Act.

Ordered that the Bill be Read a third Time.

The House Continued till

3 o'Oclock P. M.

The House Mett

Present

	Peter Kemble Esqr	John Smith	Esq^rs
The	Lord Stirling	John Stevens	
Honble	Charles Read, L. M. Ashfield — Esq^rs	John Ladd	
		James Parker	

The Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp lying on Little Mantua Creek in the County of Gloucester to keep up and Maintain the Dam &c, was Read the Second Time, and this House being Satisfied that the proper Notice had been given of the Intention of the Petitioners to Apply for this Act; Ordered that the Bill be Read a third Time.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners & Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on a Small Creek called Newport between the Townships of Stow Creek and Greenwich in the County of Cumberland, was Read a Third Time and on the Question.

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Read do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Read Reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

The Bill Entitled An Act for the Preservation of Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the

Navigation thereof was Read a Second Time and Ordered a Third Reading.

The House Continued till

Friday May 31st 1765

The House Mett. Present

	Peter Kemble Esqr	John Smith	Esqrs
The Honble	Lord Stirling	John Stevens	
	Charles Read } Esqrs	John Ladd	
	L. M. Ashfield	James Parker	

Mr Johnston and Mr Dye from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House, A Bill Entituled An Act for Building and Maintaining a Draw Bridge over Raccoon Creek in the County of Gloucester near the Mouth of said Creek, which was Read the first Time & Ordered a Second Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp lying on Little Mantua Creek in the County of Gloucester to keep up and Maintain the Dam &c Was Read the Third Time and on Question.

Resolved that the Same do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The Bill Entituled an Act for the preservation of Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof, was Read a third Time, and on the Question.

Resolved that the Same do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do carry the Same to the House of Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto. Mr Ashfield Reported that he had Obeyed the above Orders.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Dye & Mr Anderson.

House of Assembly May 31st 1765.

Ordered that Mr Skinner, Mr Wetherill, Mr Miller, Mr Fisher, Mr Borden, Mr Vangeison & Mr Reading be a Committee to Confer with a Committee of the Council on the Expediency and means of Shortening the Posts Roads of this Province, And that Mr Anderson and Mr Dye do wait upon the Council and acquaint them therewith and desire the Council to appoint a Committee to meet a Committee of this House and Appoint the Time and Place of Meeting.

Ordered that Lord Stirling, Mr Smith, Mr Stevens & Mr Parker be a Committee to meet the Committee of the House of Assembly on the Subject Matter of the Foregoing Message and that the Committees do meet in the Council Chamber at five o Clock this Afternoon.

Ordered that Mr Ladd do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The House Continued till

3 o'Clock P. M.

The House mett. Present

The Honourable

Peter Kemble Esqr		John Smith	Esqrs
Lord Stirling		John Stevens	
Charles Read	Esqrs	John Ladd	
L. M. Ashfield		James Parker	

The Bill Entituled an Act for Building and Maintaining a Draw Bridge over Raccoon Creek in the County of Gloucester near the mouth of the Creek was Read a Second Time and Ordered a Third Reading.

The House Continued till

Saturday June 1st 1765

The House Mett. Present
The Honble

Peter Kemble Esqr		John Smith	Esqrs.
Lord Stirling		John Stevens	
Charles Read	Esqrs	John Ladd	
L. M. Ashfield		James Parker	

Mr John Ogden and Mr Vangeison from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled "an Act for Laying out a Road from Newark in the County of Essex to the Publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paules Hook on Hudsons River in the County of Bergen, and for the Erecting & Establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaic and Hackinsac" Which was Read the first Time, and Ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till

Monday June 3d 1765.

The House Mett. Present
The Honble

Peter Kemble Esqr		John Smith	Esquires
Lord Stirling		John Stevens	
Charles Read	Esqrs	John Ladd	
L. M. Ashfield		James Parker	

Mr Johnston and Mr Keasby from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled "An Act to revive and Amend an Act Entituled an Act to Raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New Jersey."

Also a Bill Entituled "an Act to Constitute and make Croswicks Creek a good and Lawful Fence from the Place

known by the Name of Watsons Ferry down to the Mouth of the Same."

Also a Bill Entituled "An Act to Naturalize John Houze, Peter Hendrick Striepers, John Herbergs, John William Pollman and Peter Kurtz."

All which three Bills were Read the first Time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till

Tuesday June 4 1765

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble Esqr		John Smith	Esq^{rs}
Lord Stirling		John Stevens	
Charles Read	Esq^{rs}	John Ladd	
L. M. Ashfield		James Parker	

The Members were on Committees.

The House Continued till

Wednesday June 5th 1765.

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble Esqr		John Smith	Esq^{rs}
Lord Stirling		John Stevens	
Charles Read	Esq^{rs}	John Ladd	
L. M. Ashfield		James Parker	

Lord Stirling from the Committee, appointed to Meet the Committee of the House of Assembly in a free Conference on the Expediency and Means of Shortning the Posts Roads of this Province, Reported that after Several Conferrences they were Unanimously of Opinion that it will be highly beneficial to this Province to Reduce the Great Roads through it to Straight Lines, or as nearly Straight as the Nature of

the County and the Situation of the Principal Towns will Admit of, And proposed that Commissioners be Appointed to Survey the Several Roads proposed between Burlington and Perth Amboy, and between Trenton and Elizabeth Town, And that they report there Opinion thereon at the next Session, And proposed to Establish a Fund for defraying the Expence of making the Roads, by Yearly Lotteries, and power in the Commissioners to Receive donations for the purpose.

The Bill Entitled an Act to Constitute & make Croswicks Creek a good and Lawful Fence from the Place known by the Name of Watsons Ferry, down to the Mouth of the Same.

And Also the Bill Entituled an Act to Naturalize John Howze & others. And Also the Bill Entituled An Act to Revive and Amend an Act Entituled an Act to Raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs &c^a Were Read a Second Time and Ordered a Third Reading.

The House Continued till

Thursday June 6th 1765.

The House Mett. Present

The Hoñble

Peter Kemble Esqr
Lord Stirling
Charles Read } Esq^rs
L. M. Ashfield }

John Smith
John Stevens
John Ladd } Esq^rs
James Parker
Frederick Smyth

Mr Stevens from the Committee appointed to join a Committee of the House of Assembly to inspect the Treasurers Accounts, reported that the Committees had gone through the same and was ready to make Report thereof when the House would Please to Receive the Same.

Ordered that Report be made immediately.

Dr Samuel Smith Esqr Treasurer to the Province of New Jersey in the Sinking Funds Cr

1760.				By Current Bills of Credit Cancelled by the Justices and Freeholders as ꝑ their Certificate in May 1761. and burned by the Committees	10,000 „ — „ —
Nov. 20th. To Balance Reported this day to the Council and Assembly	2000 „ 13 „ 6½			By do Cancelled by do as ꝑ their Certificate May 1762. and burned by the Committees	10306 „ 2 „ 3
To Cash of D. Smith on Acct of Burling. Loan Office Deficiency	351 „ 16 „ 6	2352 „ 10 „ ½		By do cancelled by do as ꝑ Certif. May 1763. and burned by the Committees	12079 „ 2 „ —
To Cash, payable on the Sinking Funds this Year, Vizt				By do cancelled by do as ꝑ Certificate May 1764 & burned by the Committees	6003 „ 8 „ 3
From Morris & Sussex	918 „ 9 „ 4			By do Cancelled by do as ꝑ Certif. May 1765 and burned by the Committees	7074 „ 16 „ —
Gloucester	1292 „ 5 „ 10				
Cumberland	585 „ 9 „ 5¼				
Hunterdon	2343 „ 4 „ 8½				
Salem	1154 „ 13 „ 4				
Burlington	2067 „ 0 „ 9				
Cape May	276 „ 4 „ 1¼	8637 „ 7 „ 6			
To Cash rec'd of D. Cooper being what was Reported to be outstanding in the County of Gloucester		24 „ 13 „ 7½			
To Cash of D. Smith, on Acct of Burlington Loan Office deficiency		105 „ — „ —			
1761.					
Novr 20th To Cash payable on the Sinking Funds this Year Vizt					
Morris and Sussex	779 „ 11 „ 2⅝				
Gloucester	1096 „ 16 „ 9¾				
Cumberland	496 „ 18 „ 6				
Hunterdon	1988 „ 15 „ 11				
Salem	980 „ 9 „ 7¼				
Burlington	1754 „ 9 „ 11				
Cape May	234 „ 8 „ 8	7331 „ 10 „ 7⅝			
To cash of D. Smith in part of Burlington Loan Office Deficiency	220 „ — „ —				
To do of do	358 „ 3 „ 6	578 „ 3 „ 6			
		19029 „ 5 „ 3⅝			
To Ballance Carried to Genl Account		26434 „ 3 „ 2⅜			
		£45463 „ 8 „ 6			£45463 „ 8 „ 6

Dr Samuel Smith Esqr Treasurer to the Province of New Jersey, in the War Funds Cr

1760.			
Novr 22d To Balance report d to the Council and Assembly....		9335 „ 17 „ 5	
To Cash return'd by Jos Harrison.....		96 „ 13 „ 11½	
To do do Rob Fr'd Price..		64 „ 12 „ 6	
To do do P. Middagh.....		208 „ 17 „ 6	
To do do Hen'd Fisher..		224 „ 14 „ 9	
To do do John Hogeland		49 „ 18 „ 3	
To do do William Skeels.....	52 „ 1 „ 8		
by Thos Scattergood.....	21 „ 19 „ 6		
by Hugh Hartshorne.....	142 „ 2 „ 5		
		216 „ 3 „ 2	
To ditto do John Stevens		35 „ 2 „ 7¾	
To do do Robt Ogden.....		16 „ 13 „ 9	
To do do Self & Ab. Clark.....		18 „ 5 „ 2½	
To do do John Stevens...		138 „ 5 „ 3½	
To do do by Cha. Read, the Ball. of the Indian purchase and part of the Ball. of the Indian Treaty		17 „ 5 „ 2	
1761			
May 26. To New Money of T. Rodman a Signer.....	9749 „ 2 „ —		
June 25. To do of do the Remaindr of one moiety of the 25000 & £3 „ 2 „ — over..	2754 „ — „ —		
		12503 „ 2 „ —	
1762.			
May 5. To Cash returned by T. Rodman..		1436 „ — „ —	
June 12. To New Money of T. Rodman a Signer of the Last 30,000.....	3150 „ — „ —		
14. To do do....	818 „ 9 „ —		
19. To do do....	3606 „ — „ —		
To do do....	105 „ — „ —		
		15000 „ — „ —	

1765.	
May 29. By Sundry Vouchers from No 149 to No 309. All Examined, allowed, & Endorsed this day.....	40049 „ 16 „ 6
Ballance Carried to the General Account.....	17680 „ 19 „ 3½

Sep. 22. To Cash returned by Hugh Hartshorne.....	69 „ 16 „ ½	
23. To do do Joseph Hollingshead	129 „ 14 „ —	
24. To do do by do	453 „ 15 „ 3	
To do do Thomas Rodman	11 „ 16 „ 10½	
1763.		
June 6. To do do Aaron Leaming	38 „ — „ —	
1764.		
Jan. 17, 24. To New Money of R. Smith in pt. of the Last Emission.....3135 „ — „ —		
April 15. To do of do of the Emissn of Decr 1763.....1500 „ — „ —		
To do of do of the Emissn of April 1764.....2748 „ — „ —		
May 15. To do of do the Remainder of the Emission of December..... 365 „ — „ —		
June 18. To do of do pt of the Emissn of 1764..1200 „ — „ —		
1765.		
Jany 23. To do of do the Remainder of One Moiety of the last 25000 Emissn.....8552 „ 2 „ —		
	17500 „ 2 „ —	
Feby 9. To Cash return'd by James Parker on Account of the Province Lotteries.....	118 „ — „ —	
May 23d To do returned by Jno Harrison Commissr on the Frontier Service	48 „ — „ —	
	£57730 „ 15 „ 9¼	£57730 „ 15 „ 9¼

Dr Samuel Smith Esqr Treasurer to the Province of New Jersey, Support of Government. Cr

1760.		By Sundry Vouchers from No 1 to No 148. allowed and Endorsed by the Committees....	3293 „ 6 „ 9½
Novr 20th To Ballance reported to the Council and Assembly.. . .	2130 „ 11 „ 10⅝		
Ballance Carried to the Genl Acct.	1162 „ 14 „ 10⅞		
	£3293 „ 6 „ 9½		£

Dr Samuel Smith Esqr Treasurer to the Province of New Jersey, General Account Cr

To Ballance brought from the War Funds .	17680 „ 19 „ 3½	By Ballance brought from the Sinking Funds.	26434 „ 3 „ 2⅝
To Ballance in the Treasurers favour and for which he is to be Credited in the Parliamentary Donation Money when the Same shall be Settled..	9915 „ 18 „ 9¼	By Ballance brought from Support of Government .	1162 „ 14 „ 10⅞
	£27596 „ 18 „ 1¼		£27596 „ 18 „ 1¼

Memorandum. The following Arrears as Reported in 1760, appears to be Still outstanding:

In Burlington County. An old Arrear in the Loan Office as ꝑ Report in 1753..	18 „ 18 „ 11	
do in do as ꝑ do.....	13 „ 7 „ 2⅓	
do Cape May in 1738.....	— „ 4 „ 7¾	
		32 „ 0 „ 9
By Order of the Committees An Arrear in Burlington as ꝑ Report in 1758.....	1 „ 13 „ 8	
do in Salem as ꝑ do.....	3 „ 0 „ 6	

Errors Excepted, June 5th 1765.

An Arrear Outstanding in Salem Loan Office Money...	463 „ 4 „ 6
Deficiency in Hunterdon in the £6000 Tax in June 1752 as ℔ Report	
Jnº Stevens in 1758.....	6 „ — „ —
J Wetherill Ditto in Ditto as ℔ ditto.....	1 „ 11 „ 9½

The House Continued till

3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble Esqr
Lord Stirling
Charles Read } Esqrs
L. M. Ashfield

John Stevens
John Smith
John Ladd
James Parker
Frederick Smith } Esqrs

Mr Cooper and Mr Keasby from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled An Act to Explain and Amend an Act Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled An Act to Regulate the Size of Traps &c& and to prohibit the Watching with a Gun in the Night time, and other purposes therein mentioned, and Also a Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows Lying on Newtown Creek near the Head thereof in the County of Gloucester to Repair and Maintain a Bank & other Water Work heretofore Erected and made across the said Creek, and to keep the former Water Course of said Creek open and Clear.

Which Bills were Read the first Time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The Secretary by the Governors Order Acquainted this

House that His Excellency had perused the Bill Entituled an Act for Laying out a Road from Newark in the County of Essex &c^a * * * and that he approved of the Incorporating Clause, and Grant of Ferriage in the Same.

The said Bill was Read a Second time and Committed to Mr Ashfield, Mr Stevens, and Mr Parker,

The House Continued till

Fryday June 7th 1765

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble Esqr		John Smith	Esq^rs
Lord Stirling		John Stevens	
Charles Read	Esq^rs	John Ladd	
L. M. Ashfield		James Parker	
Frederick Smyth			

Mr Stevens from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act for Laying out a Road from Newark in the County of Essex &c, reported that the Committee had gone thro' the Same, and had made Several Amendments thereto, which he was Ready to Report when the House would be pleased to Receive the Same.

Ordered that the Report be made immediately.

Mr Stevens then Read the Several Amendments in his Place and delivered the Same in at the Table, and they were agreed to by the House.

Ordered that the said Amendments be Engrossed.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Laying out a Road from Newark in the County of Essex &c, with the Engrossed Amendments being Read the third time, On the Question, Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Stevens do Carry the said Bill with the Amendments to the House of Assembly and desire the Concurrence of that House to the said Amendments.

Mr Stevens Reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

Mr Lawrence and Mr Borden from the House of Assembly Presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Reverend Colin Campbell the Present Rector of St Marys Church in Burlington with with the Church Wardens and Vestry Men of the said Church or the Major part of them, to Sell two hundred and Six Acres of Land in Somersett County devised to the Ministry of the said Church, and to Enable Trustees to put the Same to Interest untill a Convenient Glebe can be purchased near the said Church and other Purposes therein mentioned.

Which Bill was Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till

3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble Esqr
Lord Stirling
Charles Read
L. M. Ashfield } Esqrs
Frederick Smyth

John Smith
John Stevens
John Ladd } Esqrs
James Parker

A Petition from William Morris Esqr and others praying that the Court House may not be removed from Trenton was Read.

The House Continued till

Saturday June 8th 1765.

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble Esqr
Lord Stirling
Charles Read
L. M. Ashfield } Esqrs
Frederick Smyth

John Smith
John Stevens
John Ladd } Esqrs
James Parker

Mr Skinner, Mr John Lawrence, Mr Borden and Mr John Ogden from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of Government of his Majestys Colony of New Jersey to Commence the 21st day of May 1765. and to End the 21st day of May 1766, and to discharge the Publick Debts and Contingent charges Thereof.

Also the Bill Entituled an Act to alter so much of the Road leading from Elizabeth Town to the Point Commonly Called Elizabeth Town point, as goes through the Tract called the Point Tract, and Laying out a Straight Road through the Same.

Which Bills were Read the first Time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Explain and Amend An Act Entituled A Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act to Regulate the Size of Trapps &c, was Read a Second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows lying on Newtown Creek near the Head thereof in the County of Gloucester to Repair and Amend a Bank &c, was Read a Second Time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Reverend Colin Campble the Present Rector of St Marys Church in Burlington &c, was Read a Second Time, and Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Naturalize John Houze, Peter Hendrick Striepers, John Herbergs, John William Pollman and Peter Kurtz, was Read a third time.

On the Qnestion.

Resolved that the same do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Smith do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Building & Maintaining a Draw Bridge over Raccoon near the Mouth of said Creek was read a third time.

On the Question.

Resolved that the Same do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Constitute and make Croswicks Creek a good & Lawful Fence &c, was Read a third time.

On the Question.

Resolved that the Same do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Smith do Acquaint the House of Assembly that the aforesaid Bills passed the Council this Day without Amendment.

The House Resuming the Consideration of the Governors Speech Ordered that Mr Ashfield and Mr Smith be a Committee to prepare a Draft of an Address in Answer thereto.

The house Continued till

3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Mett. Present.

The Honble

Peter Kemble Esqr

Lord Stirling		John Smith	Esqrs
Charles Read	Esqrs	John Stevens	
L. M. Ashfield		John Ladd	
Frederick Smith		James Parker	

Mr Borden and Mr Keasby from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act to Repair the Publick Roads in the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the Same.

Which Bill was Read the First Time & Ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till

Monday June 10th 1765.

The House Mett. Present
The Hoñble

Peter Kemble, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs John Stevens, James Parker } Esquires

Mr Chief Justice absent at the Circuit Court of Gloucester County.

Mr Smith Reported he had obeyed the Order of Saturday.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Repair the Publick Roads in the Township of Chesterfield &c, was Read a Second Time and Order'd a third Reading.

Mr Lawrence & Mr Keasby from the House of Assembly presented the following Bills for the Concurrence of this House. An Act Appointing Commissioners to take care of and Let the Barracks Erected in this Colony of New Jersey at Such Times as the Same shall not be needed for the use of Soldiers, And to Sell such Articles therein Contained as have been purchased at the Expence of the said Colony. A Supplement to an Act passed in the first Year of King George the Third Entituled an Act for Building and Maintaining a Bridge Over Coopers Creek and Rebuilding and maintaining Other Bridges in the Great Roads from Burlington County to Coopers Ferries, And for keeping the New Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Repair.

An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages which shall be made and Executed after the first day of January in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred & sixty six.

An Act for granting a Bounty upon the Raising of Flax and Hemp and planting Mulberry Trees in this Colony for Raising of Raw Silk.

Which Bills were Read the first Time, and Ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Lawrence and Mr Keasby from the House of Assembly brought back the Bill Entituled an Act for Laying out a Road from Newark in the County of Essex to the Publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus Hook &c, Re-Engrossed with the Councils Amendments, which being Read and Compared.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

The House Continued till

3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs John Stevens, James Parker } Esqrs

Mr Smith from the Committee appointed * * * to prepare the draft of an Address to his Excellency the Governor reported that they had prepared the same and delivered the same in at the Table, which being Read and Agreed to Ordered that the same be Engrossed.

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the Owners & Possessors of the Meadows lying on Newtown Creek &c, reported the Same without Amendment.

Ordered that the said Bill be Read a third time.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Revive and Amend An Act to Raise a Fund for defraying damages done by dogs in the Province of New Jersey.

The Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the Reverend Colin Campbell the present Rector of Saint Marys Church in Burlington with the Church Wardens and Vestry Men of said Church or the Major part of them, to Sell two hundred & Six Acres of Land in Somerset County devised to the Ministry of said Church &c, And the Bill Entituled an Act to Repair the Public Roads in the Township of Chesterfield

in the County of Burlington by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the Same.

Being Read the third Time

On the Question,

Resolved that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Read do Acquaint the House of Assembly that the aforesaid Bills passed the Council this Day.

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency being Read

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Stevens & Mr Parker do wait on the Governor and Acquaint him that the Council have Agreed on an Address to his Excellency and desire to Know when he will be pleased to Receive the Same.

Mr Stevens and Mr Parker Reported that they had Waited on his Excellency who was pleased to Say he would Receive the Address to Morrow at noon.

Mr Read reported that he had Obeyed the foregoing Order of the House.

The House Continued till

Tuesday June 11th 1765.

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble	Esqrs	John Stevens	Esqrs
Charles Read		James Parker	
John Smith		L. M. Ashfield	

Mr Parker from the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled an Act to Explain and Amend an Act Entituled A Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act to regulate the Size of Traps &c, Reported that the Committee had made Several Amendments thereto which he was ready to Report when the House would receive the Same.

Ordered that the Report be made immediately.

Mr Parker then Read the Amendments in his Place & delivered the Same in at the Table.

The Amendments being Read a Second Time were agreed to by the House and Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Aforesaid Bill with the Engrossed Amendments being Read a third Time

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered that Mr Parker do carry to the House of Assembly the said Bill with the Amendments thereto made by this House and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

Mr Parker Reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of Government of His Majestys Colony of New Jersey &c, was Read a Second time and Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Alter so much of the Road leading from Elizabeth Town to the Point commonly called Elizabeth Town Point &c, was Read a Second Time and Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages &c, was Read a Second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the the Council or any three of them.

Mr Speaker and the House waited on his Excellency and having returned again Mr Speaker reported that he with the House had waited on his Excellency and presented the following Address.

To his Excellency William Franklin Esqr Captain General and Governor in Chief on and Over the Province of New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the Same &c.

The Address of His Majestys Council for the Province of New Jersey.

May it please your Excellency

We very heartily join with your Excellency in Congratulations upon the Cessation of Hostilities with the Indians, and

in your Sentiments respecting the Measures and Conduct of His Majestys General and Colonel Bouquet, which we trust, will produce a Lasting Peace with those Numerous Tribes that Surround the British Colonies. It likewise gives us great Satisfaction that the Troops furnished by this province for Last Campaign, and the Guards on our Frontiers, have so well performed their Duty.

We Assure your Excellency that it gave us Real Pleasure to hear you Recommend shortning and rendering more Commodious our publick Roads and the Encouragement by Bounties of the Cultivation and production of Such Articles as may Serve for Remittances to Great Britain. Nothing in our Power shall be Omitted to carry those Beneficial and Publick Spirited Measures into Execution. We are fully Sensible that this province is now under great Difficulties for want of such produce as will Answer to pay for those various British Manufactures which are to so great an Amount Consumed among us.

Our hearty thanks are due to the Worthy Society for Arts Manufactures and Commerce, for the Many Noble and Generous Instances of their Attention to North America: besides the Internal Reward which always attends benevolent designs. We flatter ourselves, that they will have the Satisfaction of seeing Many of their truly Judicious Schemes arrive at Maturity, to the great and Mutual Advantage of the Colonies and Mother Country.

The other Matters recommended in your Excellencys Speech shall have our Serious Attention, and everything in our Power shall be done to Continue a perfect Harmony between the different Branches of the Legislature, from whence so many Benefits flow to the Honour of your Excellency's Administration and the Happiness of the Province.

Council Chamber By Order of the House
June 10th 1765. PETER KEMBLE Speaker.

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer.

Gentlemen,

I return you my Hearty thanks for this Obliging Address. Your Approbation of the Measures I have Recommended affords me great pleasure; And I doubt not from your Readiness and Zeal to promote the Publick Good but you will forward them all in your power.

The House Continued till.

3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble	Esqrs	John Stevens	Esqrs
Charles Read		James Parker	
John Smith		L. M. Ashfield	

Mr Spicer and Mr Cooper from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act for preventing the waste of Timber, which Bill was Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Spicer & Mr Cooper.

Ordered that Mr Spicer and Mr Cooper do carry to the Council the Bill Entituled an Act to Explain and Amend An Act Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled An Act to Regulate the Size of Trapps &c and Acquaint them that this House disagrees to the Councils Amendments and Adhere to the Bill.

Which being taken into Consideration this House Recedes from their Amendments made to said Bill.

Mr Wetherill and Mr Hoghland from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act for Building a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex

Which was Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Granting a Bounty upon the Raising of flax and Hemp, and Planting of Mulberry Trees &c^a Was Read a Second Time and Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled a Supplement to An Act passed in the first Year of King George the Third Entituled An Act for Building and Maintaining a Bridge over Coopers Creek &c^a Was Read a Second Time and Ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled An Act Appointing Commissioners to take care of and Let the Barracks &c, Was Read a Second Time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

The House Continued till

Wednesday June 12th 1765

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble	Esq^rs	John Stevens	Esq^rs
Charles Read		L. M. Ashfield	
John Smith		James Parker	

Mr Cooper and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled An Act to Suppress Fairs at the Town of Greenwich, Which Bill was Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Building a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex, was Read a Second time, and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

The Bill Entituled a Supplement to an Act passed in the first Year of King George the Third Entituled An Act for Building and Maintaining a Bridge over Coopers Creek &c Was Read a third Time.

The Bill Entituled an Act for granting a Bounty upon Raising of Flax and Hemp and Planting Mulberry Trees &c Was Read a third Time.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Alter so much of the Road leading from Elizabeth Town to the point commonly called Elizabeth Town point &c Was Read a third Time.

Also the Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of Government of His Majestys Colony of New Jersey was Read a third Time.

On the Question

Resolved that the Same do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The House Continued till

3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Mett. Present

Peter Kemble Charles Read John Smith	Esqrs	John Stevens James Parker L. M. Ashfield	Esqrs

Ordered that Mr Ashfield do carry to the House of Assembly The Bill Entituled An Act to Explain and Amend An Act Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act to Regulate the Size of Traps &c, and Acquaint them that this House have receded from the Amendments made to the said Bill.

Mr Vangeison and Mr Dye from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled An Act to prevent Waste from being committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Secaucus in the Corporation of Bergen, Also the Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act for restraining the Burning of the Woods Marshes and Meadows.

Which Bills were Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Ashfield reported that he had Obeyed the above Order

The Bill Entituled an Act to Suppress Fairs in the Town of Greenwich was Read a Second time and Ordered a third Reading.

Mr Stevens from the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages &c. Reported that the Committee had made several Amendments thereto, which he was Ready to Report when the House would Receive the same.

Ordered that the Report be made immediately.

Mr Stevens then Read the Amendments in his Place and delivered the same in at the Table.

The Amendments being Read a Second Time were agreed to by the House and Ordered to be Engrossed.

The aforesaid Bill with the Engrossed Amendments being Read a Third time

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered that Mr Stevens do carry to the House of Assembly the said Bill with the Amendments made thereto by this House and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

The Bill Entituled a Supplementary act to the Act Entituled an Act for preventing the Waste of Timber Pine and Cedar Trees and Poles within this province &c, was Read a Second time and Ordered a third Reading.

Mr Stevens Reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

The House Continued till

Thursday June 13th 1765.

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble	Esqrs	John Stevens	Esqrs
Charles Read		James Parker	
John Smith		L. M. Ashfield	

Mr Hoghland and Mr Borden from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act to Amend and Revive an Act Entituled an Act for the better settling and Regulating the Militia of this Colony of New Jersey &c. And Also a Bill Entituled an Act to Regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof and for other purposes therein Mentioned.

Which Bills were Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was Referred the Bill Entituled An Act Appointing Commissioners to take care of and Let the Barracks &c, reported that the Committee had made Several Amendments thereto which he was Ready to Report when the House would Receive the Same.

Ordered that the report be made immediately.

Mr Read then Read the Amendments in his Place and delivered the same in at the Table.

The Amendments being Read a Second Time were agreed to by the House and Ordered to be Engrossed.

The aforesaid Bill with the Engrossed Amendments being Read a third Time

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the said Bill & Amendments.

Ordered that Mr Read do carry to the House of Assembly the said Bill with the Amendments made thereto by this House and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

The Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act for preventing the Waste of Timber &c, was Read the Third Time.

Also the Bill Entituled an Act for Suppressing Fairs in the Town of Greenwich was read the Third Time.

On the Question.

Resolved that the said Bills do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the said Bills.

Ordered that Mr Read do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Read Reported he had Obeyed the foregoing Orders.

The House Continued till

3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Mett. Present.

The Honble

Peter Kemble Charles Read John Smith	Esqrs	John Stevens James Parker L. M. Ashfield	Esqrs

Mr Skinner and Mr Vangeisen from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Assisconk or Birch Creek to deepen and Widen the said Creek from an Old Mill dam formerly Owned by Job Lippincott to the Forks, and from thence up the South or Matacopenny Branch as far as the upper part of Barkers Land, and up the North or Petticoat Branch as far as the Head of Blacks place Occupied by Benjamin Gibbs.

Which Bill was Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act for restraining the Burning of the Woods Marshes and Meadows was Read a Second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

Mr Smith from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act for restraining the Burning of the Woods Marshes & Meadows, reported that the Committee had made Several Amendments thereto which he was Ready to Report when the House would be pleased to Receive the Same.

Ordered that the Report be made immediately.

Mr Smith then Read the Amendments in his Place and delivered the Same in at the Table.

Ordered that the said Amendments be read a Second time.

The Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act for restraining the Burning of the Woods Marshes and Meadows with the Amendments thereto being Read a third Time

On the Question

Resolved that the same as Amended do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the said Bill and Amendments

Ordered that Mr Smith do carry the said Bill with the Amendments to the House of Assembly and desire the Concurrence of that House to said Amendments.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Regulate the method of taking Fish in the River Delaware &c. And Also the Bill Entituled An Act to Amend and Revive an Act for the better Settling & Regulating the Militia of this Colony &c, were read a Second time and Ordered a Third Reading.

Mr Smith reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

The House Continued till

Friday June 14th 1765

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble, Charles Read, John Smith, Esqrs

Frederick Smyth, John Stevens, James Parker, L. M. Ashfield, Esqrs

Mr Borden and Mr Keasby brought up from the House of Assembly the Engrossed Bill Entituled An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages with the Amendments thereunto made by this House which being Read and Compared

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

The Bill Entituled An Act to Amend and Revive An Act Entituled An Act for the better Settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony, And Also the Bill Entituled an Act to Regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof &c, was Read a third Time

And On the Question.

Resolved that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the aforesaid two Bills.

Ordered that Mr Parker do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Parker reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

The Bill Entituled An Act to prevent Waste from being Committed upon the Common Land Allotted to the Patent of Secaucus, Also the Bill Entituled An Act for Building a Court House in the County of Middlesex. Also the Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Assisconk or Birch Creek to deepen and Widen the said Creek &c, were Read a Second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

The House Continued till

3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Mett.

Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble	Frederick Smyth
Charles Read	John Stevens
John Smith	James Parker
	L. M. Ashfield

Mr Read from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled An Act for Building a Court House in the County of Middlesex, reported that the Committee had made One Amendment thereto which he was Ready to Report when the House would please to Receive the Same.

Ordered that the report be made immediately.

Mr Read then Read the Amendment in his Place and delivered the Same in at the Table.

Which being again Read was agreed to by the House and Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Building a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex with the Amendments made thereto by this House were Read a third Time.

On the Question.

Resolved the Same as Amended do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Read do carry said Bill and Amendment to the House of Assembly and desire the Concurrence of that House to said Amendment.

Mr Read reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Vangeising and Mr Leaming.

Ordered that Mr Vangeisen and Mr Leaming do carry to the Council the Bill ReEngrossed with the Councils Amendments Entituled an Act appointing Commissioners to take care of and Let the Barracks Erected in this Colony of New Jersey &c.

By Order of the House
RICHARD SMITH Clerk

The ReEngrossed Bill Entituled An Act appointing Commissrs to take care of and Let the Barracks Erected in this Colony of New Jersey &c, being Read and Compared

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the said Re-Engrossed Bill.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Wetherill and Mr Spicer.

Ordered that Mr Wetherill and Mr Spicer do carry to the Council the Bill Entituled an Act for Building a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex and acquaint

them that this House disagrees to their Amendment, and Adheres to the Bill.

Mr Stevens from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Assisconk or Birch Creek &c. reported that the Committee had made Sundry Amendments to the said Bill and the Title thereof which he was ready to report when the House would please to Receive the Same.

Ordered that the Report be made immediately.

Mr Stevens then Read the Amendments in his Place & delivered the Same in at the Table, which being again Read were agreed to by the House and Ordered to be Engrossed.

The said Bill with the Engrossed Amendments being Read a third Time.

On the Question.

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered that Mr Stevens do carry the said Bill as Amended to the House of Assembly and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

Mr Stevens reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

Mr Lawrence and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly brought up the ReEngrossed Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled an Act for restraining the Burning of the Woods Marshes and Meadows with the Amendments made thereto by this House.

Which being Read and Compared Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Mr Lawrence and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House the Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to Several former Acts of this Province for Enabling the Owners Proprietors and Possessors of the Meadows on Burlington Creek, including Christopher Whetherills Joseph Nobles, and such part of Daniel Smiths as formerly belonged to his Father Daniel Smith deceased, and extending from thence to the Lower Sluice Bank, called

and Known by the Name of the Lower Sluice Company; to Support and Maintain the Banks Sluices and Flood Gates already made, Erect and make Such New Ones as may be Necessary for Draining the said Meadows; And Also the Bill Entitled an Act for appointing Commissioners to View the Ground and report to the next Session of General Assembly of the Practicability of Laying out Straight Roads through Certain Parts of the Province of New Jersey, and for Establishing a Fund to defray the Expence of the same; which Bills were Read the first Time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till

Saturday June 15th 1765.

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

Peter Kemble, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs

Frederick Smyth, John Stevens, James Parker, L. M. Ashfield } Esqrs

Mr Kemble has leave to be Absent on Business of Importance.

Mr Borden and Mr Cooper from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

Which Bill was Read the first time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Appointing Commissioners to View the Ground and Report to the next Sessions of General Assembly of the Practicability of Laying out Straight Roads &c, was read a Second time and Ordered a third Reading.

The House Continued till

3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Mett. Present
The Honble

Peter Kemble Charles Read John Smith	Esqrs	Frederick Smyth John Stevens James Parker L. M. Ashfield	Esqrs

Mr Parker from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act to prevent Waste being Committed upon the Common Land Allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus in the Corporation of Bergen reported that the Committee had made an Amendment thereto which he was Ready to report when the House would please to receive the Same.

Ordered that the Report be made immediately.

Mr Parker then Read the Amendment in his Place, & delivered the Same in at the Table.

Ordered that the Said Amendment be Read a Second time and Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to Several former Acts of this Province for Enabling the Owners Proprietors & Possessors of the Meadows on Burlington Creek Including Christopher Wetherills &c, And Also the Bill Entituled an Act for appointing Commissrs to View the Ground and Report to the next Session of General Assembly of the Practicability of Laying out Straight Roads through certain Parts of this Province &c, being Read the Third time.

On the Question.

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Ladd do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The House Continued till Monday June 17th 1765.

The House Mett.

Present
The Honourable

L. M. Ashfield	Esq^rs	John Stevens	Esq^rs
Charles Read		John Ladd	
John Smith		James Parker	
		Fred Smyth	

Mr Ladd reported that he had obeyed the Order of Saturday last.

The House taking into Consideration the Message from the House of Assembly of Friday last.

Resolved that this House do unanimously adhere to the Amendment made to the Bill Entituled an Act for Building a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex.

Ordered that Mr Read do carry the said Bill and amendment to the House of Assembly and Acquaint them that this House do unanimously Adhere to their Amendment.

Mr Spicer and Mr Hart from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House the following Bills Viz^t An Act to Enable the Justices & Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon to Erect a New and Convenient Court House and Gaol in the said County.

An Act for Building a Stone Bridge over Assanpink[1] near Robert Lettis Hoopers Mills.

An Act to Enable the Honourable Charles Read Esquire to Erect a Dam over Batstow Creek, And Also to Enable John Estell to Erect a Dam over Atsion River.

A Supplementary Act to an Act Entituled an Act for regulating Constables and Vendues, and for better Regulating Taverns.

Which Bills were Read the first Time & Ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Fisher and Mr Miller from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House, A Bill Entituled an Act for regulating the Practice of the Law and to alter

[1] Assiscunk.

the Courts of Quarter Sessions and other Purposes therein mentioned.

Which Bill was Read the first time & ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Spicer and Mr Hart brought back the Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Assisconck &c, ReEngrossed with the Amendments made thereto by this House which being Read and Compared

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors was Read a Second time and Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

The House Continued till

The House Mett. 3 o'Clock P. M.

Present

The Honble L. M. Ashfield, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs

John Stevens, John Ladd, James Parker, Fred. Smith } Esqrs.

Mr Parker from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, reported that the Committee had made Sundry Amendments to the said Bill and the Title thereof, which he was Ready to Report when the House would please to receive the Same.

Ordered that the Report be made immediately

Mr Parker then Read the Amendments in his Place and delivered the Same in at the Table.

Which being again Read were agreed to by the House and Ordered to be Engrossed.

The said Bill with the Engrossed Amendments being Read a third Time

On the Question

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the said Bill and Amendm^{ts}

Ordered that Mr Parker do carry the said Bill as Amended to the House of Assembly and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

Mr Parker reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

The House taking into Consideration the Message from the General Assembly of the 14th Instant June

Resolved that this House do unanimously adhere to the Amendment made to the Bill Entituled an Act to Build a Court House and Gaol in the County of Middlesex.

Ordered that Mr Read do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The House Continued till

Tuesday June 18th 1765.

The House Mett. Present

The Honble

L. M. Ashfield, Charles Read, John Smith } Esq^{rs}

John Stevens, John Ladd, James Parker, Fred. Smith } Esq^{rs}

Mr Read Reported that he had Obeyed the Order of Yesterday.

The Bill Entituled an Act to prevent Waste from being Committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus &c. with the Amendments made thereto by this House being Read a third Time.

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered that Mr Parker do carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly and desire the Concurrence of the said House to the said Amendment.

Mr Parker reported he had Obeyed the above Order.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Justices and Chosen Freeholders of the County of Hunterdon to Erect a New and Convenient Court House and Gaol in the said County was Read a Second time and on the Question whether the said Bill be Read a third Time.

It passed in the Negative.

Ordered that the said Bill do lay on the Table.

The Bill Entituled an Act for Building a Stone Bridge over Assanpink near Robt Lettis Hoopers Mills, Also the Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Honourable Charles Read Esqr to Erect a Dam over Batstow &c. And the Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to an Act Entituled an Act for Regulating Constables & Vendues &c, were Read a Second Time and Ordered to be Read a third time.

The House Continued till 3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Mett. Present

The Hoñbl	L. M. Ashfield Charles Read John Smith	Esqrs	John Stevens John Ladd James Parker Fred. Smyth	Esqrs

The Bill Entituled An Act for Building a Stone Bridge over Assanpink near Robt Lettis Hoopers Mills, Also the Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Hoñble Charles Read to Erect a Dam over Batstow Creek &c, And, the Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to an Act Entituled an Act for regulating Constables and Vendues &c, were read a third Time.

Resolved that the said Bills do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Ladd do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Reading and Mr Hart from the Assembly brought up for the Concurrence of this House the Bill Entituled An Act to Eñdemnify the Treasurers of this Province or either of

them for the Sum of Two hundred Pounds to be lent for the Inhabitants of the County of Sussex.

Which was Read the first Time and Ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Hoghland and Mr Dye from the Assembly brought up for the Concurrence of this House the Bill Entituled An Act to provide for the pay of the New Jersey Regiment from the first day of November One thousand seven hundred & sixty four, to the Twentieth Day of December following and for other purposes therein mentioned.

Which was Read the first Time and Ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Ladd reported that he had Obeyed the Order of this House.

The House Continued till

Wednesday June 19th 1765.

The House mett. Present

The Honble

L. M. Ashfield, Charles Read, John Smith } Esqrs

John Stevens, John Ladd, James Parker, Fred Smyth } Esqrs

Mr Vangieson and Mr Dye from the House of Assembly bro't up the Bill Entituled an Act to prevent Waste from being Committed on the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus &c, ReEngrossed with the Councils Amendments thereto.

Which Bill being Read and Compared

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Mr Anderson and Mr Borden from the House of Assembly brought up the Bill Entituled an Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors ReEngrossed with the Councils Amendments thereto.

Which Bill being Read and Compared

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the Same.

The Bill Entituled an Act for regulating the Practice of the Law, and to Alter the Courts of Quarter Sessions &c^a being Read a Second Time was Committed to the Gentlemen of the Council or any three of them.

Mr. Read from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act for regulating the Practice of the Law &c, Reported that the Committee had made several Amendments to the said Bill and the Title thereof which he was Ready to Report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered that the Report be made immediately.

Mr Read then Read the Amendments in his place and delivered the Same in at the Table, which being again Read were agreed to by the House and Ordered to be Engrossed.

The said Bill with the Engrossed Amendments being Read a third Time

Resolved that the said Bill as Amended do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered that Mr Read do carry the said Bill as Amended to the House of Assembly and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendments.

Mr Read prayed leave to bring in a Bill for Securing the Books of Mortgages formerly kept by the Loan Officers in this Province.

Ordered that he have leave Accordingly.

According to Order Mr Read brought in a Bill Entituled An Act for Collecting and Securing the Books of Mortgages formerly kept by the Loan Officers in the Several Counties of this Province.

Which was Read the first Time and Ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till

3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Mett. Present
The Honble

L. M. Ashfield	Esq^{rs}	John Stevens	Esq^{rs}
Charles Read		John Ladd	
John Smith		James Parker	
		Fred. Smyth	

The Bill Entituled an Act for Collecting and Securing the Books of Mortgages &c, was Read a Second Time and Ordered to be Engrossed.

The Engrossed Bill Entituled an Act for Collecting and Securing the Books of Mortgages &c. was Read and Compared.

On the Question

Resolved that the Same do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Read do Carry the Same to the House of Assembly and desire their Concurrence thereto.

The Bill Entituled an Act to provide for the Pay of the New Jersey Regiment &c, was Read a Second Time and Ordered to be Read a third Time.

The Bill Entituled an Act to provide for the Pay of the New Jersey Regiment &c, was Read a third Time.

On the Question

Resolved that the said Bill do Pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Parker do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

The Bill Entituled An Act to Endemnify the Treasurers of this Province &c, was Read a Second Time and Ordered a Third Reading.

The Said Bill being Read a third Time, on the Question

Resolved that the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Ordered that Mr Read do Acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Read and Mr Parker reported that they had Obeyed the foregoing Orders.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Hoghland and Mr Keasby, acquainting this House that they had passed the Bill Entituled an Act for Collecting and Securing the Books of Mortgages &c^a

The House Continued till

Thursday June 20th 1765.

The House Mett. Present

The Honourable

L. M. Ashfield	Esqrs	John Stevens	Esqrs
Charles Read		John Ladd	
John Smith		James Parker	
		Fred Smyth	

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Dye and Mr Johnston.

Ordered that Mr Dye and Mr Johnston do carry to the Council the ReEngrossed Bill with the Councils Amendments Entituled an Act to Regulate the Practice of the Law &c^a

The said Bill being Read and Compared

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the Same.

Mr Lawrence and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly waited on this House to Know if they have any Business before them to prevent their Applying to his Excellency the Governor for a dismission.

This House desired them to Acquaint their House that the Council have dispatched the Business before them and had no Objection to their Application for a dismission.

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly they attended.

When his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Bills.

An Act for the Support of Government of His Majestys Colony of New Jersey to Commence the Twenty first day of May One thousand seven hundred and sixty five And to End the Twenty first day of May One thousand Seven hundred and Sixty Six, And to discharge the publick Debts and Contingent Charges thereof.

An Act to Provide for the Pay of the New Jersey Regiment from the First day of November One thousand seven hundred and Sixty four, to the Twentieth day of December following, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to Enable the Treasurers of this Colony or Either of them to Receive and pay Certain Sums of Money therein mentioned And to give a proper discharge for the Sum Received.

An Act to Revive and Amend An Act Entituled An Act to Raise a Fund for defraying Damages done by Dogs in the Province of New Jersey.

An Act for Collecting and Securing the Books of Mortgages formerly kept by the Loan Officers in the Several Counties of this Province.

An Act to Explain and Amend An Act Entituled a Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled An Act to Regulate the Size of Trapps &c^a And to prohibit the Watching with a Gun in the Night Time, and other purposes therein Mentioned.

An Act to Alter so much of the Road leading from Elizabeth Town to the point Commonly called Elizabeth Town Point as goes through the Tract called the Point Tract, and Laying out a Straight Road through the Same.

An Act to repair the Publick Roads in the Township of Chesterfield in the County of Burlington by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the Same.

An Act Appointing Commissioners to take care of & Let the Barracks Erected in this Colony of New Jersey at such

Times as the Same shall not be needed for the use of Soldiers, And to Sell such Articles therein Contained as have been purchased at the Expence of the said Colony.

A Supplement to An Act passed in the First Year of King George the third Entituled An Act for Building and Maintaining a Bridge over Coopers Creek and Rebuilding and Maintaining other Bridges on the Great Roads from Burlington County to Coopers Ferries, And for Keeping the New Road from Burlington to the said Ferries in Repair.

An Act for preventing Frauds by Mortgages, which shall be made and Executed After the First day of January in the Year One thousand Seven hundred and sixty six.

An Act for granting a Bounty upon the Raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony for Raising of Raw Silk.

A Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled An Act for preventing the Waste of Timber, Pine and Cedar Trees and Poles within this Province of New Jersey, And to Lay a Duty upon all Pipe and Hogshead Staves Exported out of the Same to any of the Neigbouring Colonies.

A Supplementary Act to the Act Entituled An Act for Restraining the Burning of the Woods Marshes and Meadows.

An Act to Amend and Revive An Act Entituled An Act for the better Settling and Regulating the Militia of this Colony of New Jersey for the Repelling Invasions and Suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions.

An Act to Regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware And to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof And for other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to Suppress Fairs in the Town of Greenwich.

An Act for Appointing Commissioners to View the Ground and Report to the next Session of General Assembly of the Practicability of Laying out Straight Roads thro' certain Parts of the Province of New Jersey, And for Establishing a Fund to defray the Expence of the Same.

An Act to Indemnify the Treasurers of this Province or either of them for the Sum of two Hundred Pounds to be

Lent for the Relief of the Inhabitants of the County of Sussex.

A Supplementary Act to An Act Entituled An Act for Regulating Constables and Vendues and for better Regulating Taverns.

An Act for Building a Stone Bridge over Assanpink near Robert Lettis Hoopers Mills.

An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

An Act for Regulating the Practice of the Law and other purposes therein mentioned.

An Act for Laying out a Road from Newark in the County of Essex to the Publick Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus Hook on Hudsons River in the County of Bergen, and for the Erecting and Establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaic and Hackinsac.

An Act to Constitute and make Crosswicks Creek a Good and Lawful Fence from the place Known by the Name of Watsons Ferry down to the Mouth of the Same.

An Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp Lying on a Small Creek called Newport between the Townships of Stow Creek and Greenwich in the County of Cumberland to Erect and Maintain a Bank, Dam, and other Water Works Across the said Creek in order to prevent the Tide from Overflowing the Same.

An Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadow and Swamp Lying on little Mantua Creek in the County of Gloucester to keep up and Maintain the Dam, Bank and other Water Works Across the said Creek, And to Keep the Water Course thereof Open and Clear.

An Act for Building and Maintaining a Draw Bridge over Raccoon Creek in the County of Gloucester near the Mouth of said Creek.

An Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows Lying on Newtown Creek near the Head thereof in the County of Gloucester to Repair and Maintain a Bank and other Water Works theretofore erected and made across

the said Creek and to Keep the former Water Course of the said Creek open & Clear.

An Act to prevent Waste from being Committed upon the Common Land allotted to the Patent of Seacaucus in the Corporation of Bergen.

An Act to Enable the Proprietors and Owners of the Meadows on Assissconck or Birch Creek, to deepen and Widen the said Creek from an Old Mill Dam formerly Owned by Job Lippincott, to the Forks, and from thence up the South or Matacoppeny Branch as far as the upper part of Barkers Land, And up the North or Petticoat Branch as far as the Head of Blacks Place, Occupied by Benjamin Gibbs.

An Act to Enable the Reverend Colin Campbel the present Rector of St Marys Church in Burlington, with the Church Wardens and Vestry Men of said Church or the Major Part of them, to Sell two hundred and Six Acres of Land in Somersett County devised to the Ministry of Said Church, And to Enable Trustees to put the Same to Interest untill a Convenient Glebe can be purchased near the said Church, and other Purposes therein mentioned.

An Act to Enable the Honourable Charles Read Esqr to Erect a Dam over Batstow Creek, And Also to Enable John Estell to Erect a Dam over Atsion River.

A Supplementary Act to Several former Acts of this Province for Establishing the Owners Proprietors and Possessors of the Meadows on Burlington Creek Including Christopher Wetherills, Joseph Nobles, and such part of Daniel Smiths as formerly belonged to his Father Daniel Smith deceased, and Extending from thence to the Lower Sluice Bank Called and Known by the Name of the Lower Sluice Company, to Support and Maintain the Banks Sluices and Flood Gates Already made; Erect and make such New Ones as may be necessary for Draining the Said Meadows.

An Act to Naturalize John Howze, Peter Hendrick Streipers, John Herbegs, John William Pollman and Peter Kentz.

After which his Excellency prorogued the General Assembly to Tuesday the Sixth day of August next then to meet at Perth Amboy.

Compared with the Original Minutes of Council.

CHA READ D Secr^y

At a Council held at Burlington, on Wednesday the 6th Day of November, 1765,

Present,

His Excellency William Franklin, Esquire, Governor.

The Hon. David Ogden, Charles Read, John Smyth, John Ladd, James Parker, Frederick Smyth,	Esquires, of His Majesty's Council.

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Lord Stirling[1] to him, dated at Baskenridge, the 3d Instant, as follows, viz.

Dear Sir,

On Friday, by Express, I received the Notification of your Excellency's Order for a Meeting of the Council of this Province, at Burlington, on Tuesday the 5th Instant: By the same Express I wrote the Secretary, the State of Health I was then in, which would render my Attendance uncertain. Your Excellency may be assured, that it would give me very great Satisfaction to be present at this Meeting, as I am conscious that there never was a Meeting of the Council at a more critical Conjuncture, nor one that required more Prudence in deliberating and determining: But the Rheumatick Pains I now feel in every Limb and Joint, render it, I think, very dangerous for me to undertake a long Journey at this

[1] Printed in New Jersey Archives, IX., 509.

uncertain Season of the Year: However, as I cannot attend in Person, I think it my duty, to send your Excellency my Sentiments on the Matters which I apprehend will then be offered to the Council for their Advice. People in general, in this and the two adjoining Provinces, seem to be determined, by deferring Business, to avoid the Use of Stamped Papers as long as possible. This Province is so situated between the two great Trading Cities of Philadelphia and New York, that it has but little Foreign Trade of its own; consequently, its Use for the Stamped Papers is chiefly to Inland or Home Business, which can be deferred awhile without any very great Inconvenience: It is not so with the Cities I have mentioned; their Marine Trade makes the Difficulties much greater to them, and therefore, in this Matter, I would be for letting them lead the Way; besides the Stamps are now in a Place of Safety, and it can be of no Detriment to the King's Revenue to let them remain there until they are wanted, or until in the Business of this Province, they are called for: and before that happens, 'tis not unlikely the Stamp Act may be repealed, or that your Excellency may receive further Instructions from His Majesty on this Head; in either Case your Council will be better able to advise your Excellency than they are at present: nor would I advise your Excellency, at this Juncture, to appoint a Distributor of the Stamps; such an Officer cannot be necessary until the Stamps are wanted, and the Appointment of one till then would be only raising up an Object to the resentment of an enraged, and, as they think, an injured People. In the state Men's Minds are at present, I believe it is best to avoid every step that can irritate, or that can discover a Distrust of the good Behaviour of the People; a contrary Behaviour, as I am informed, brought Lieutenant Governor Colden into very disagreeable Circumstances. Your Excellency's Prudence in the Management of this Affair, I make no Doubt, will insure the Peace and Quiet of this Province. I will, on the whole, take the Liberty to advise your Excellency to endeavour to prevail on Captain Hawker to keep the Stamped

Paper, &c. in Safety, on board His Majesty's Ship, until something further occurs; and, in the mean Time, to avoid every Measure on this Subject, that can become Matter of Altercation among the People. These are my real Sentiments as one of your Excellency's Council, for the Good of His Majesty's Service; and, if your Excellency finds it expedient, they may be entered as if I was present in Council.

I am,

Your Excellency's most obedient
and most humble Servant.

Baskenridge, Nov. 3, 1765. STIRLING.

A Letter from Mr. Stevens, apologizing for his Non-attendance, was likewise read Mr. Kemble and Mr. Woodruffe also sent apologies.

His Excellency communicated to the Board the Letters he had received from Governor Colden, Capt. Kennedy, and Capt. Hawker, in Answer to those he had wrote to them in Pursuance of the Advice of the Council, at their last meeting. Their Several Letters are as follows:

Fort George, New York, Sept. 29, 1765.

Sir,

I have the Honour of Your's of the 25th, desiring me to lodge the Stamp'd Paper, for your Province, in the Fort. You may be assured that I shall take all the Care in my power to have them preserved, in Case they come to this Place. This Fort is now full of Men and military Stores, so that I have no Place to lodge them but in the Governor's House, which may be very inconvenient to Sir Harry Moore, who may be soon expected, and probably comes in the same ship which brings the Stamp'd Paper for this Place.—May it not be as Safe, and more convenient, to have your Stamps put on Board one of the King's Frigates now here, who may land them at any Time and Place you may think proper.

I have received no Kind of Directions in relation to the Stamp'd Papers.

I am, with great Regard,
Sir, your most obedient
and most humble servant,
CADWALLADER COLDEN.

New York, Oct. 4, 1765.

Sir,

Immediately, on receiving Your's of the 1st Instant, I waited on Governor Colden, in order to consult with him in regard to the Particulars you therein mention concerning the Stamp'd Papers, that is expected to arrive at this Port, for the Province of New Jersey.—I desire to acquaint you, that the Governor still persists he cannot conveniently receive them into the Fort; and, at the same Time, must represent to you the many inconveniences that would attend taking them on Board any of His Majesty's Ships that are stationed here. In the first Place, as there is no Store Room on Board, where any quantity of Paper could be lodged without running the Risque of its getting damped, and being otherwise So damaged, as might render Part of it useless. Then you will please to consider that the Ships are always to be kept So as to proceed on immediate Service when ordered. And again, as the Ships will Soon, from the Season of the Year, be obliged to haul along side the Wharfs, where they remain for the Winter, you will naturally conclude, as they are all principally mann'd by Men impress'd into the Service, and it being impossible in that Situation to prevent many deserting, that the Ships can afford but very poor Protection. However, if Mr. Colden should, on their Arrival, refuse to receive them into the Fort, you may depend that I will do every Thing in my Power for protecting the Paper, and the Ship that may bring it; but must more maturely consider of the Methods which I can take, as likewise the Propriety of taking it on

Board any of the King's Ships: On which Head I shall write to Lord Colville by the first Opportunity.

I am,
Sir,
Your most obedient humble
Servant,
ARCH^d KENNEDY.

His Excellency
Governor Franklin.

Sir, Sardoine, Newcastle, Oct. 3, 1765.

I Received your Excellency's Letter on the 1st Instant, desiring my Assistance in Securing the Stamps for the Province of Jersey, together with the Minutes of His Majesty's Council on that Head; and the same Day the Ship Royal Charlotte, Capt. Holland arrived here with them on board his Majesty's Ship under my Command, as Soon as they can be conveniently got at, the Vessel now lying under my Protection, and will be assisting in any other Measure which may be thought necessary toward lodging them in a Place of Safety. There are some few King's Tenders on the American Station; there was one in Delaware lately, but she is gone; besides, I am informed, there is not Water enough for her to go to Burlington. I will land them any where along the Jersey Shore that may be thought convenient, and proper Persons to receive them. I must beg also to inform you, that it will be necessary you should provide some Place of Security toward Winter, as then I shall be obliged to take every Thing out of the Ship, in order to lay her up. Neither can I so well answer for the Safety of the Stamps, as all the Guns will be out.

You, Sir, and the Gentlemen of the Council, may rest assured, I will, at all Times, act with Chearfulness in any Thing that relates to His Majesty's Service.—Agreeable to your Desire of my sending the earliest Intelligence, I send this Express.

I am, with great Regard,
Sir,
Your most Humble Servant,
JAMES HAWKER.

To his Excellency
W. Franklin, Esq:

His Excellency acquainted the Board that he had sent the following Answer to the Letter from Capt. Hawker, viz.

Burlingtan, October 6, 1765.

Sir,

I am extremely obliged to you for the Readiness with which you complied with the request of myself and His Majesty's Council, with Regard to the Stamps destined for this Province. As we have no Place of Defence in the Colony, and as it would be imprudent to trust to the People in their present Ferment, I must desire that you would keep them on Board till I can receive His Majesty's Orders, in what manner to dispose of them. It is probable they will arrive before the first of November, but if they should not, and you cannot keep the Stamps longer, I will then endeavour to fall upon some other Method for their Security.

I am, with great Regard,

Sir, Your most Humble Servant,

W. FRANKLIN.

His Excellency having thus informed the Board of the several Measures he had taken for the security of the Stamps hitherto, desired their Opinion and advice of the following Heads, viz.

I. Whether the Governor has Authority to appoint a Distributor of the Stamps, as Mr. Coxe[1] has acquainted him, that he has Sent his Resignation to the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, and perseveres in his Refusal to carry the Act into Execution?

II. Do the Council know of any Gentleman in the Province, of Fortune Sufficient to give the Security, required of Mr. Coxe, by the Commissioners of the Stamp Duty, who would undertake to exercise the Office, if the Governor would commissionate him for the Purpose?

III. Do the Council think any Person will be safe in undertaking the Execution of the Office of Stamp Distributor in this Province?

[1] William Coxe.

IV. Whether as Mr. Coxe has informed the Governor, that he has received no Commission, or Instructions from England, empowering him to execute the Act, it would be legal or justifiable for the Officers of this Government to let the public Proceedings go on in the usual Manner, in order to prevent a Stop being put to the Administration of Justice throughout the Colony, as must otherwise, in a great Measure, be the Consequence?

V. Whether the Governor can, consistent with his having taken the Oath directed by the Stamp Act, put the Seals to Writs and Papers in the Manner as has been customary for him to do, until an Officer appears duly appointed and undertakes to carry the Act into Execution?

VI. What steps do you think most proper to be taken for the Preservation of the stamps destined for New Jersey, after Capt. Hawker shall be obliged to lay up his Ship for the Winter?

The Council desired, previous to their coming to any Determination on the Matters proposed by the Governor, that as Mr. Coxe, the Person appointed Distributor of Stamps for this Province, and who resides at Philadelphia, was here on his private Affairs, he should be sent for to attend the Council.

Mr. Coxe was sent for, and attended accordingly; when the following Questions were put to him, to which he made the Answers subjoined, viz.

I. Have you received any Commission for distributing of Stamps in New Jersey?

Answer. No. Nor do I know that any Such Commission is in Being.

II. Or any Instructions from the Commissioners of Stamps in England?

Answer. Nothing more than to sign the Bond, and Orders to acquaint them of the Quantity which would be wanted for six Months.

III. Are any Stamps arrived directed to be distributed in New Jersey?

Answer. I know of none of my own Knowledge; but have

been told that there were some Packages of Stamps marked W. C. and that by Bill of Lading, they were consigned to Mr. John Hughes, of Philadelphia; but I have not myself received either Bill of Lading, or Letter of Advice.

IV. Do you think, as you have not received any Commission or Instructions relative to the Stamps in New Jersey, that you could legally undertake the Execution of the Office, Supposing that there was no Likelihood of any Opposition being given to it, and that you had not sent over your Resignation?

Answer. I do not think myself empowered to execute the Office, as I have not received any Commission or Instructions.

V. On Supposition that you had received such Commission or Instructions, would you undertake the Distribution of the Stamps?

Answer. No.

VI. What is the Reason of such Resolution?

The general Disturbance in the Province; and as I am firmly of Opinion it would occasion violent Disorders and Bloodshed, and that I should be injured both in Person and Estate.

After some Time spent in Consideration of the Matter, recommended by the Governor, the further Consideration thereof was deferred till To-morrow Morning.

Then the Council adjourned till Nine o'Clock To-morrow Morning.

Thursday, November 7, 1765.

The Council met, and resumed the Consideration of the Matters referred to them by the Governor, when they were unanimously of Opinion as follows, viz.

1. We think the Governor is not authorised to accept of Mr. Coxe's Resignation, nor impowered to appoint a Distributor of the Stamps in his Room, until Some Instructions are received from His Majestys Ministers, or other proper Authority, relative thereto.

2. We believe there is not one Man in the Province able

to give the proper Security, that would undertake the Office if it was offered to him.

3. We think that no person would at present be safe in undertaking the Execution of the Office in this Province, on account of the violent Resentment too generally imbibed against the Act; and the many repeated Threats by written Advertisements, and otherwise, against any that should be aiding or assisting in carrying the same into Execution.

4. and 5. On considering the Governor's 4th and 5th Queries, the Council esteem it a Matter of so much Difficulty and Importance at this dangerous Conjuncture, that they desire further Time, and a full Council, to consider of the Answer thereto.

6. That though we shall, as far as is consistent with the Peace of the Province, heartily second your Excellency's Intention of Securing the stamp'd Papers, yet, as we have undoubted Reason to know, that the popular Clamour runs at present very high, in many Parts of the Province, against the Stamp Act, as the many inflammatory Speeches, Writings and tumultuous Gatherings, with avowed Threats to destroy the Stamps, do evidence; we think it by no means safe or adviseable for your Excellency to send for the stamps from under Captain Hawker's Protection. And it is further our Opinion, that it will be by no Means expedient to have Recourse to the Military aid offered by the General, even if he could now afford it, (which is much to be doubted considering the present Commotions at New York) as there is the strongest Reason to expect, that in such Case the Peace of the Province would be immediately broken, and nothing less than a Civil War would ensue. Therefore, as there is no Place of Security in the Province, and as it would be dangerous, if practicable, to bring in such a Military Force as the General could spare, we advise, that your Excellency do write to Captain Hawker, to desire that when he lays up his Ship, that the Stamp'd Papers on Board, said to be for new Jersey, be offered to Mr. Coxe, who has given Bond to the

Commissioners of the Stamp Duty in England, and if he refuses to take Charge of them, then that they may be suffered to remain with the King's Stores, belonging to the Ship, in whatever Place the Captain may think proper to deposite them, there being a better Chance for their Preservation by that Means, out of the Province, than by any other Method we can at present devise.

Mr. Ogden acquainted his Excellency, and this Board, that it was desired by many People of the Eastern Division, that the Assembly should be called to meet on this Occasion; his Excellency did thereupon declare, that though he had no particular Commands of the Crown, or other Business, that made a Meeting of the Legislature necessary; yet, that if the Speaker, and nine others of the Representatives, would signify under their Hands to the Governor, that they thought it expedient for the public Service, that the Assembly should be called, he would immediately (if advised so to do by his Council) issue his Summons for the Purpose, convening them together in as short a Time as possible; but that from the present Indisposition of his Lady, it would not be in his Power to meet them at Amboy, or any other Place than Burlington.[1]

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[1] The meeting of the Assembly, called at the request of Mr. Ogden (the Speaker) and other members of the Assembly, was held on November 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th, 1765, as appears by the proceedings of that body. There is no journal of the Council on those dates. On being waited upon by a committee of the House, the Governor announced that he had no business which made a meeting of Legislature immediately necessary. On the following day Mr. Robert Ogden offered his resignation as Speaker of the House, and presented a paper containing his reason for so doing, which reason was that he had caused "great dissatisfaction" among his constituents by his refusal to sign an address to His Majesty relating to the Stamp Act, which address had been prepared by a congress of delegates from the several Colonies, assembled in New York, to ask for the repeal of said act, and of which congress he was one of the three members from New Jersey. His resignation was accepted, and Cortlandt Skinner was chosen Speaker in his stead. On the day following (29th) the other delegates from New Jersey to the congress presented their report, which was so satisfactory to the House that it was "*Resolved, Nemine Contradicente*, That this House do approve of the Proceedings of the Congres at New York; and that the Thanks of this House be given to *Hendrick Fisher* and *Joseph Borden*, Esquires, for their faithful and judicious Discharge of the Trust reposed in them." On the following and last day of the session (30th) a series of eleven resolutions passed the House, *nem. con.*, which resolutions set forth the loyalty of the people of the Colony; their claim "to all the Inherent Rights and Liberties of His Majesty's

The Council do advise his Excellency, on such Application, to summon the General Assembly to meet at Burlington.

A true Copy from the Minutes of Council.

CHARLES READ, Sec.

A Copy of his Excellency's Letter to Captain Hawker, in Pursuance of the foregoing Minute of Council.

Burlington, Nov. 9, 1765,

Sir,

As you informed me in your Letter of the 3d of October, that it would be necessary that I should provide some Place of Security, towards Winter, for the Stamp'd Paper destined for New Jersey, as you would then be obliged to take every Thing out of the Ship, in order to lay her up, I lately Summoned a Meeting of His Majesty's Council of this Province, to consult them on the Measures necessary to be taken for that Purpose—Their Advice on the Occasion is contained in the enclosed Extract from their Minutes.

The Council do not mean that you are to be answerable for the Safety of the Stamps, if you comply with our Request; but their Reason for advising the Measure, is, because they imagine that the People of one Province will not endeavour to destroy the Stamps destined for another; and that the Stamps might as well be given up directly to the Populace, as to send them into New Jersey, where there is no Place of Defence whatever.—Perhaps Mr. Coxe, as he has given Bond to take Care of them, will, for his own Sake, endeavour to fall upon some Expedient to secure them, by secreting them,

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natural born Subjects, within the Kingdom of *Great Britain*;" their protest against taxation without their consent; their condemnation of the "giving unlimited Power to any Subject or Subjects, to impose what Taxes they please in the Colonies, under the Mode of Regulating the Prices of Stampt Vellum, Parchment and Paper;" and finally a recommendation to their constituents to use every means "to preserve the Peace, Quiet, Harmony and Good Order of the Government, that no Heats, Disorders or Animosities may in the least obstruct the united Endeavors that are now Strongly Engaged for the Repealing the Act above mentioned, and other Acts affecting the Trade of the Colonies."

or otherwise, till some Person appears duly authorised to receive them from him.

I am, with great Regard, Sir,

To Capt. James Hawker, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Sardoine.

Your most humble Servant
WILLIAM FRANKLIN.

Perth Amboy, Thursday, June 12, 1766.

The Governor addressed the General Assembly as follows:

Gentlemen of the Council, & Gentlemen of the Assembly.

Altho' I was desirous to have met you sooner, yet I postponed calling you together till I was enabled to Acquaint you with the Determinations of his Majesty & the British Parliament on the Act for granting certain Stamp Duties in America. This delay, I imagined, tho' it made the Session somewhat later in the Season than usual, would be more agreeable to you than to be put to the Inconvenience of Another meeting on that particular account.

It gives me great satisfaction that I have it now in my power to Communicate to you an Act for the repeal of that Statute, and to present you with my sincere Congratulations on the happy Termination of this most Important Affair.

You will see by the Right Honourable Mr Secretary Conway's Letter,[1] that such is the kind & Indulgent disposition prevailing both in His Majesty and his Parliament, that they are Inclined not only to Indemnify those persons who have Incurred the penalties of the late Stamp Act, but to give the Trade & Interests of America Every Relief which the true State of our Circumstances may demand or Admit.

I have likewise received a Copy of an Act for the better securing the dependency of the Colonies on the Mother

[1] See N. J. Archives, IX., 550.

Country. This I shall order to be laid before you, together with sundry Resolutions of the Honourable House of Commons, expressing their Sentiments of those late unwarrantable Transactions which, unhappily, were too prevalent throughout the Colonies of America.

It must, however, be mentioned to the Credit of New Jersey, that no act of Outrage or Violence, no hurt to person Or property has been Committed by the Inhabitants of this Province. The good Effects which have resulted from such Conduct, will no doubt Afford them great pleasure in the Reflection; and they may be Assured, that I have, from time to time, done them the Justice to make their prudent Behaviour, in this respect, known to His Majestys Ministers.

But I should think myself greatly wanting was I not to take this opportunity of Acknowledging the Services rendered the Crown & this Province by Captain Hawker, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Sardoine, who, upon my Request, with great politeness & Readiness, undertook the Care & protection of the Stamp'd Papers destined for New Jersey. Nor should I pass over, without Commendation, the good Conduct of you Gentlemen of the Council & General Assembly, who, together with the Chief Justice, and other Justices of the Supream Court, many of the Justices of the Inferior Courts and the most eminent Gentlemen of the Law, have likewise, in your and their respective Stations, been greatly Instrumental in promoting & preserving the Peace & Order of the Province.

Happily, the storm which for some time past raged so violently as to threaten the future welfare of Great Britain & her Colonies, is at length Subsided. The Tenderness, Lenity & Condescension—the Wisdom, Justice, and Equity, which his Majesty and the Parliament have manifested on this Signal Occasion, cannot but make deep Impressions upon the mind of every Loyal American Subject, and Excite the most lively Returns of Duty & Gratitude.

It is needless, Gentlemen, I am convinc'd, for me to urge

any Arguments to give you a just Sense of your particular Duty at this great Crisis; more especially as you will find it so fully and ably pointed out in the very Excellent Letter from His Majesty's Secretary of State.

All I shall add, therefore, is my hearty wishes, that there may be henceforth, an Indissoluble Union of the Hearts of all the Kings Subjects in the Bonds of mutual Affection, so that there may remain no other Contention among them, but who shall Exceed the other in contributing to Advance the General Interest, happiness and Glory of the British Empire.

Wm FRANKLIN

The Council of New Jersey's Address to His Majesty[1]

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty

Most Gracious Sovereign

With unfeigned Assurances of Duty Loyalty and Affection, and with the highest Sentiments of Gratitude Esteem and Veneration; We your Majestys Subjects the Members of the Council of your Province of New Jersey, beg leave to Approach Your Throne with our Tribute of Thanks, and Grateful Acknowledgments, for the Happiness which necessarily results to the Inhabitants of this Province, from your Majestys Gracious Condescention in assenting to the Repeal of the late American Stamp Act.

As the Distress and Anxiety which lately Depressed the minds of your faithfull Subjects in these your Dominions, and excited the most alarming and melancholy Apprehensions, are now happily dissipated—The Joy We feel on this occasion is not to be Equalled, but by the Sincerity of our Thankfullness, and Gratitude, for this Signal relief afforded us, and for the pleasing Prospect of such Extension of Commercial Privileges to Great Britain, and Her Colonies, as must lay the Foundation of Lasting Union between them, and every Part of your Majestys extensive Empire—The

[1] See N. J. Archives, IX., 558.

Colonys thus cherished, and protected, will we trust for ages continue, the happy Seats of Wealth, Freedom, and Loyalty; Such marks of Royal favour and Attention to the Welfare and Prosperity of a growing People, are worthy a Prince deservedly the Delight of His Subjects—Worthy the Wisdom & Dignity of a British Senate, The Constitutional Guardians of the Laws, The Liberties, and the Properties of the People.

Permitt us to Assure your Majesty that we Acknowledge the Wisdom Justice and Goodness of the Parliament of Great Britain, that their Dignity and Authority ought ever to be Supported, a Constitutional Dependence maintained, and a ready Obedience paid by All the Subjects of your Majestys Extensive Dominions; Convinced by the Present Motives of our Joy and Thankfullness, That whilst enlarged Views for the Commercial concerns of your Kingdoms, and Colonies, shall prevail in your Majestys Councils; The British Parliament will be a Source of Laws adapted to the Genius of the Inhabitants of the Colonies, productive of advantage to be wished or hope for, and firmly Unite the most Gratefull, and Obedient Subjects, to the most Indulgent and Amiable Sovereign.

By Order of the House
PETER KEMBLE Spe^r

The Assembly of New Jersey's Address to His Majesty[1]

To the Kings Most Excellent Majesty.

May it Please Your Majesty

We Your Majesty's Most dutifull and Loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey in General Assembly Met Humbly Beg Leave to Approach Your Royal Person, and with the most Unfeigned Gratitude, to thank Your Majesty for Your Great Condescention and Goodness in giving Your assent to the Repeal of the Act Granting Certain Stamp duties in America.

It has Been Invariably the Principle of Your Royal house

[1] See N. J. Archives, IX., 560.

to Govern Your People according to the Constitution, And their Glory to Rule over a Nation of Freemen.

Your Faithfull Americans have Ever been free, and with the Most Unbounded Loyalty and Affection to Your Majesty and Respect and Veneration for the Parliament of their Mother Country, they were Most Sensibly affected when they Saw a Law Passed that Endanger'd both their Liberty and Property.

Their Struggles on this Occasion (Until their Case Could be Laid before Your Majesty and the Parliament) however they may appear, or are Represented, were not those of Rebellion or Disaffection, But those of Freemen, Attached to Your Majesty's Person and Government.

It is with the Greatest Satisfaction that We See Your Majesty, Your Present Worthy Ministry, and Your Parliament, Penetrating the True Cause of our Uneasiness and Relieving us from the Burthen of an Impolitic Law; The Wisdom and Justice of this Measure will henceforth, we doubt not, Induce Your American Subjects to Place the Greatest Confidence in Your Majesty and the British Parliament, and be a sure means of Conciliating the Affections of the People of both Countries.

Permit us most Gracious Sovereign at the same Time that We Present our Sincere and Humble thanks to Your Majesty for the Repeal of this Law to assure Your Majesty that as We heretofore Granted Aids to the Crown Suitable to our Circumstances, so Whenever Requisitions are made for that Purpose in the Antient and Accustom'd manner, our duty to Your Majesty and Concern for the Glory and Interest of Britain will Ever Induce us Chearfully to Comply therewith to the Utmost of our Abilities; And as no danger Can Approach Britain without Giving us the most Sensible Alarm, So Your Majesty may be assur'd, that with filial duty we Shall Ever be Ready to afford all the Assistance in our Power, and Stand or fall with that Kingdom from which

we Boast our descent, and to which we are Attached by the Strongest Ties of duty, Gratitude, and Affection.

Signed by order of the House,

CORTLAND SKINNER Speaker.

House of Assembly June 20th 1766.[1]

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[1] The foregoing speech of the Governor, with the address of the Council to His Majesty, is all that can be obtained of the Journal of the Council during the session of the General Assembly which began at Perth Amboy June 11th, 1766, and continued till the 28th of the same month, being the Thirteenth Session of the Twentieth Assembly of New Jersey. By the Journal of the House of Assembly for this period it appears that much of the time of the Legislature was occupied in receiving and considering petitions which poured in from every part of the Province in relation to the laying out of roads, establishing ferries, building bridges, and the making of other public improvements. The following bills were enacted:

1. An Act for the Support of Government of His Majesty's Colony of New Jersey, to Commence the Twenty-first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six, and to End the Twenty-first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven, and to discharge the publick and Contingent Charges thereof.

2. An Act to repeal an Act entitled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

3. An Act for building a Court House and Gaol for the County of Middlesex.

4. An Act impowering the Justices and Freeholders of the County of Burlington to purchase a Lot of Ground, to build a New Gaol and other necessary Buildings thereon.

5. An Act for the more effectually preventing the counterfeiting the Bills of Credit of the neighbouring Governments, or uttering the Same in this Colony, knowing them to be so counterfeit.

6. An Act explaining the Right of Voting at Town Meetings, and the Election of Township Officers.

7. An Act to amend and further continue an Act entitled An Act for better settling and regulating the Militia of this Colony of New Jersey, for the repelling Invasions, and suppressing Insurrections and Rebellions.

8. An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks Erected in this Colony with Furniture, and other Necessaries for accommodating the King's troops in, or marching through this Colony, and for defraying other incidental charges.

9. An Act for laying out and establishing a Road from Bergen Point, along up Newark Bay, and from thence to Paulus Hook, on Hudson's River.

10. A Supplementary Act to an Act entitled An Act for laying out a Road from Newark, in the County of Essex, to the public Road leading from Bergen Point to Paulus Hook, on Hudson's River, in the County of Bergen, and for erecting and establishing Ferries across the Rivers Passaick and Hackensack.

11. An Act to impower the Justices and Freeholders of the Counties of Essex and Bergen to build a Bridge over Passaic River, near the Dutch Church at Acquackanonck.

12. An Act to repair the publick Roads in the Township of Hanover in the County of Morris, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the Same.

13. An Act to extend certain Acts of Parliament of Great Britain, passed in the Twelfth year of her late Majesty Queen Anne, and the Fourth year of his late Majesty King George the First, for preserving all such Ships and Goods thereof, which shall happen to be forced on Shore or stranded.

14. An Act to prohibit the setting Nets, Seins, and other Devices, in the River Raritan and South River, to obstruct the Fish going up in the proper Seasons of the

[L. S.] At a Council held at Burlington on Friday the 21st day of August Anno Dom. 1767.

Present
His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

The Honble { Charles Read, John Smith, Samuel Smith } Esqrs

His Excellency laid before the Board the following List of Gentlemen as proper to be inserted in the Commission of the Peace for the Counties of Salem, Burlington and Cape May, to which the Council Assented.

for the County of Salem

Judges	Justices of the Quorum
The Gentlemen of the Council and Attorney General	George Trenchard William Hancock Robert Johnson

Year, and to preserve the Fry and young Brood of Fish from being destroyed in said Rivers.

15. An Act to lay out a Road on the Southerly Side of Cohansey Creek, in the County of Cumberland, and to establish a Ferry across the said Creek, from the Town of Greenwich to the said Road.

16. An Act for the Improvement of the Navigation of the South-west Branch of Ancocas Creek.

17. An Act for building and maintaining a Bridge over the North Branch of Great Timber Creek, in the County of Gloucester, at Abraham Roe's Landing.

18. An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Marsh, lying on the Westerly Side of Raccoon Creek, in the County of Gloucester, to keep up and maintain the Banks and other Water Works around the same, and to constitute all Ten Foot Ditches therein lawful Fences.

19. An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Swamps, lying on a Small Branch of Alloway's Creek, in the County of Salem, to keep up and maintain the Dams, Banks, and other Water Works on the Said Meadow, and to keep the water course thereof open and clear.

20. An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Marsh and Swamp lying on the South Branch of Stow Creek, to maintain the Bank, Dam, and other Water Works across the said Creek, to prevent the Tide from overflowing the same.

21. An Act to enable the Owners and Possessors of the Meadows and Marshes bounding the Delaware River, between Long Point and Kilko's Hook, in Lower Penn's Neck, in the County of Salem, to stop out the Tide from overflowing the same.

22. An Act to naturalize Jacob Hertel and John Jacob Faish.

Isaac Sharp
Elisha Bassett
Grant Gibbon
Preston Carpenter
John Holme
Andrew Sinnickson

John Richman
John Mayhew jun^{r}
Benjamin Holme

Justices
John Jerman
John Nicholson
Robert Howard
Francis Miles
Samuel Linch

for the County of Burlington

Judges
The Gentlemen of the Council and Attorney General
William Foster
Robert Smith
Joseph Borden
John Imlay
Henry Paxson
Thomas Rodman

Justices of the Quorum
John Monrow
Robert Field
Daniel Ellis
Joseph Saltar
Isaac Pearson

Justices
William Imlay
Thos Watson
David Oliphant
Jno Brainard
Thos Reynolds
Jon^{n} Hough
Wm Clayton
Richd Wells
Thos Bickley Polegreen

for the County of Cape May

Judges
The Gentlemen of the Council and Attorney General
William Smith
Nathl Foster

Justices of the Quorum
John Leonard
Joseph Corson
Jacob Hand
Daniel Swain
Robt Parsons

Nicholas Stilwell	Justices.
Thoˢ Leaming	Henry Hand
James Whilden	Thoˢ Smith
John Townsend	Reuben Ludlam
	James Godfrey
	John Mackey

His Excellency by Advice of Council Signed the following Warrants.

		£.	s.	d.
Nº 251.	To himself or Order for one Quarters Salary as Commander in Chief of this Colony, ending this Day.....	300 „	0 „	0
Nº 252.	To himself or Order for one Quarters House Rent ending as above.....	15 „	0 „	0
Nº 253.	To The Honble Fred: Smyth Esqʳ for one Quarters Salary as Chief Justice of this province ending as above	37 „	10 „	0
Nº 254.	To The Honble Charles Read Esqʳ for one Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court, ending as above.....	12 „	10 „	0
Nº 255.	To the Honble John Berrien Esqʳ for one Quarters Salary as third Justice of the Supreme Court, ending as above	12 „	10 „	0
Nº 256.	To The Honble Charles Read Esqʳ for one Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council ending as above.....	7 „	10 „	0
Nº 257.	To Cortland Skinner Esqʳ for one Qᵗʳ Salary as Attorney General of this province ending as above.....	7 „	10 „	0
Nº 258.	To The Honble Samuel Smith Esqʳ for one Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province ending as above.....	10 „	0 „	0

N° 259.	To Stephen Skinner Esqr for one Q^{rs} Salary as one of the Treasurers of this province ending as above.....	10 „ 0 „ 0
N° 260.	To Joseph Warrall Esqr for one Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits, ending as above.....	5 „ 0 „ 0
N° 261.	To The Honble Charles Read Esqr for Copying the Laws passed last Sessions, the Copies sent to England.	4 „ 10 „ 0
N° 262.	To John Carty for one Quarters Salary as Door Keeper of the Council ending as above..	2 „ 10 „ 0
N° 263.	To Thomas Whetherill Sergeant at Arms to the House of Assembly for his Attendance four days in Novr 1765, and fifteen days last Session at Burlington.....	2 „ 17 „ 0
N° 264.	To David Overton Door Keeper to the House of Representatives for his Attendance the same number of Days at the same time.....	3 „ 6 „ 6

At a Council held at Burlington on Friday November 13th 1867.

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

The Honble { Charles Read, John Smith, Samuel Smith, John Ladd, Fred : Smyth } Esq^{rs} of his Majestys Council.

Joseph Reed jun^{r} having produced an Exemplification of a Commission under the Great Seal of England appointing Maurice Morgan Esq. Clerk of the Council, and a Deputation under the hand and Seal of the said Maurice Morgan,

appointing the said Joseph Reed his Deputy, the Usual Oaths of Government having been previously Administered to him, he took the Oath of Secrecy of the said Office, and was admitted D Clerk of the Council.

His Excellency having acquainted the Council that a Claim had been made by Joseph Reed as Deputy Secretary and Register of this Province under the Appointment of Maurice Morgan Esq. of the Seals and Records of the Prerogative Court, and a request made thereupon to him as Judge of the Said Court to deliver them to him. That a claim of the Said Office of Register of the Prerogative Court was also made by Charles Read Esqr And as the welfare and Interest of the province, greatly depend upon the due regulation of the Said Court and its Offices his Excellency prayed the Advice of the Council thereon.

The said Claims having been mutually stated time was taken to Consider thereof till tomorrow.

The Council adjourned till tomorrow.

At a Council held at Burlington on Saturday the 14th of November 1767.

Present
as before

The Parties interested in the above Claims having informed the Governor that they had agreed that if an Order under the Seal of the Prerogative Court, was produced to Charles Read Esqr he would deliver up the Records of the prerogative Court to the Person therein appointed to receive them, saving to himself the Right of further prosecuting his Claim, if he shall think it Expedient. Whereupon the Council think it unnecessary at present to Consider farther the Merits of the said Claims, but do advise his Excellency to issue such Order, and to transact the Business of that Court with the said Joseph Reed in the usual and accustomed manner.

His Excellency nominated Micajah Wills to be a Justice

of the Peace of the County of Burlington, to which the Council Assented.

His Excellency also nominated John Cary Esqr to be one of the Judges of the Common Pleas for the County of Somersett, to which the Council Assented.

At a Council held at Burlington on Friday the 26th day of November 1767.

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

The Honble { Charles Read, John Smith, Samuel Smith } Esq^rs of his Majestys Council.

His Excellency laid before the Council two Letters he had lately received from the Right Honble the Earl of Shelburne, one of his Majestys Principal Secretaries of State, dated at White Hall July 18th 1767 and August 7th 1767, enclosing the Opinion of the Board of Trade, that an Act of Assembly of this province passed in June 1766, ought to be disallowed, and his Majestys Royal disallowance of the said Act, which are in the following words, vizt

To the Kings most Excellent Majesty.

May it please your Majesty.

We have had under our Consideration an Act passed in your Majestys Province of New Jersey in June 1766, and Entituled, "An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks Erected in this Colony with Furniture and other necessarys for accommodating the Kings Troops in or marching through this Colony, and for defraying other incidental Charges."[1]

Whereupon We beg leave humbly to represent to your Majesty That Whereas the Act of Parliament passed in the fifth year of your Majestys Reign, for Amending the Mutiny

[1] See *ante* note on page 458.

Act, and for rendering it more effectual in your Majestys Dominions in America, does direct the Governor and Council of the respective Provinces to appoint Commissioners for furnishing your Majestys Troops with certain necessaries therein Enumerated, and that all the Expenses incurred thereby shall be paid by the said Provinces respectively, this Law does on the Contrary make the Nomination of the said Commissioners An Act of the General Legislature of the Province referring them not to the Act of Parliament above recited but to the Usage of the Province for the several Articles with which your Majestys Troops are to be supplied and limiting the Money to be paid by the said Province, on Account of the afs^d Service, to the Sum of One hundred Pounds for each of the five Barracks in the said Province.

For these Reasons, as this Act of the Legislature of New Jersey does not make provision either in the Mode, or to the Extent allowed by the Act of Parliament above referred to, We do humbly recommend it to your Majesty to signify your Royal disallowance of this Act.

Which is most humbly submitted

Whitehall
May 8th 1767

CLARE
GEO: RICE
Wm FITZHERBERT
THO^s ROBINSON

At a Court at St James's the 13th day of May 1767.

Present

SEAL OF THE PRIVY COUNCIL

The Kings Most Excellent Majesty

His Royal Highness the Duke of York
Arch Bishop of Canterbury
Lord President

Earl of Harcourt
Earl of Ilchester
Earl of Besborough
Earl of Hillsborough
Earl of Shelburne

Duke of Bolton
Duke of Queensbury
Duke of Argyle
Marquis of Granby
Lord Steward
Lord Chamberlain
Earl of Denbigh
Earl of Shaftsbury
Earl of Litchfield
Earl of Marchmont
Earl of Bristol
Viscount Falmouth
Viscount Barrington
Viscount Clare
Bishop of London
Lord Berkley of Stratton
Lord Bathurst
Lord Sandys
Mr Treasurer of the Household
Jas Stuart McKenzie Esqr
Wellbore Ellis Esqr
Sir Gilbert Elliot
Master of the Rolls

Whereas by Commission under the Great Seal of Great Britain, the Governor Council and Assembly of his Majestys Province of New Jersey are Authorized and impowered to maks, Constitute and Ordain, Laws, Statutes and Ordinances, for the publick Peace, Welfare and good Government of the said Province; which Laws, Statutes and Ordinances are to be, as near as conveniently may be, agreeable to the Laws and Statutes of this Kingdom and to be transmitted for his Majesty's Royal approbation or disallowance, And Whereas in pursuance of the said Powers An Act was passed in the said Province in 1766 and transmitted, Entituled as follows, viz't

"An Act appointing Commissioners for supplying the "several Barracks Erected in this Colony with Furniture "and other necessaries for accomodating the Kings Troops "in or marching thro' this Colony and for defraying other "incidental Charges."

Which Act having been perused and considered by the Lords Commissrs for Trade and Plantations and by them presented to his Majesty at this Board as proper to be disallowed His Majesty was thereupon this Day pleased, with the Advice of his Privy Council to Declare his disallowance of the said Act. And pursuant to His Majestys Royal Pleasure thereupon Expressed, the said Act is hereby disal-

lowed, declared Void and of none Effect Whereof the Governor or Commander in Chief of his Majestys s^d Province of New Jersey for the time being, and all others whom it may concern, are to take notice and govern themselves accordingly.

PHIL. SHARPE.

His Excellency by Advice of the Council was pleased to Sign the following Warrants directed to the Treasurers of the Province of New Jersey or either of them, Ordering them to pay,

		£.	s.	d.
265.	To himself or Order for one Quarters Salary as Commander in Chief of this Province, ending the 21st instant	300	0	—
N° 266.	To himself or Order for one Q^rs House Rent ending as above	15	0	0
N° 267.	To the Honble Fred: Smyth Esqr for one Q^rs Salary as Chief Justice of this Province ending as above	37	10	0
N° 268.	To the Honble Charles Read Esqr for one Q^rs Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court, ending as above.	12	10	0
N° 269.	To the Hon. John Berrien Esq. for one Quarters Salary as third Justice of the Supreme Court, ending as above	12	10	0
N° 270.	To the Honble Charles Read Esqr for 47 days Salary as Clerk of his Majestys Council ending the 8th of October last	3	18	4
N° 271.	To Cortland Skinner Esqr for One Quarters Salary as Attorney General ending the 21st instant	7	10	0
N° 272.	To the Honble Samuel Smith, for one Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province ending as above	10	0	0

N° 273.	To Stephen Skinner Esqr for one Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers, ending as above.....	10 „ 0 „ 0
N° 274.	To Joseph Warrell Esqr for one Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Circuits ending as above.....	5 „ 0 „ 0
N° 275.	To John Carty for one Quarters Salary as Door Keeper to the Council ending as above.....	2 „ 10 „ 0
N° 276.	To Richard Smith Esqr for sixteen Days attendance on the House of Assembly as Clerk of the said House in June last, and other Services, provided for by the Support Bill...	28 „ 1 „ 4
N° 277.	To Joseph Read Esqr for 43 days Salary as Clerk of the Council ending the 21st instant.....	3 „ 11 „ 8
N° 278.	To Thomas Rodman Esqr or Order for two Weeks Use of a House for his Majestys Council at their Session in June last.....	1 „ 10 „ 0

At a Council held at Burlington on Monday the 22nd day of February 1768

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

The Honble { Charles Read, John Smith, Samuel Smith } Esq^rs of his Majestys Council

His Excellency with the Advice of the Council, was pleased to appoint Tuesday the 12th of April next for the meeting of the General Assembly of this Province at Perth Amboy, and to order the Secretary to give Notice thereof to his Majestys Council, and to the Members of the Assembly.

After which with the Advice of Council his Excellency was pleased to Sign the following Warrants, Viz^t

		£.	s.	d.
N° 279.	To himself or order for one Quarters Salary as Commander in Chief of this Province, ending the 21st Instant	300 „	0 „	0
N° 280.	To the same for one Quarters House Rent ending as above.....	15 „	0 „	0
N° 281.	To the Honble Fred: Smyth Esq for one Quarters Salary as Chief Justice of this Province ending as above...	37 „	10 „	0
N° 282.	To the Honble Charles Read Esqr for one Q^rs Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court ending as above.....	12 „	10 „	0
N° 283.	To the Honble John Berrien Esq for one Quarters Salary as third Justice of the Supreme Court Ending as above.....	12 „	10 „	0
N° 284.	To Joseph Reed Esqr for one Quarters Salary as Clerk of the Council ending as above.....	7 „	10 „	0
N° 285.	To Cortland Skinner Esqr for one Quarters Salary as Att^y General....	7 „	10 „	0
N° 286.	To the Honble Samuel Smith Esqr for one Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province.....	10 „	0 „	0
N° 287.	To Stephen Skinner Esqr for one Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers of this Province.....	10 „	0 „	0
N° 288.	To Joseph Warrell Esqr Clk of the Circuits for one Quarters Salary ending as above.....	5 „	0 „	0
N° 289.	To Mr John Carty Door Keeper of the Council for one Quarters Salary ending as above.....	2 „	10 „	0

N° 290.	To the Honble Fred: Smyth Esqr for holding the Courts of Oyer & Terminer in the Counties of Bergen, Essex, Somerset and Monmouth in the Month of Octo^{r} last.....	40 „	0 „	0

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A Journal of the Proceedings of His Majestys Council for the Province of New Jersey at a Session of the General Assembly of the said Province, began and held at Perth Amboy on Tuesday the 12th day of April Anno Domini 1768.

Pursuant to Sundry Prorogations the House met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble, Wm Earl of Stirling, Charles Read, John Stevens, James Parker, Fred: Smyth — Esq^{rs} of His Majestys Council

The House Continued till Wednesday the 13th of April.

The House met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble, David Ogden, Lord Stirling, Charles Read, John Stevens, James Parker, Fred: Smyth — Esq^{rs}

The House continued till Thursday the 14th of April

The House Met

Present
Peter Kemble
David Ogden
Earl of Stirling
The Hoñble Charles Read Esqre
John Stevens
James Parker
Fred: Smyth

His Excellency came into Council, and having by the Deputy Secretary commanded the attendance of the House of Assembly, the Speaker with the House attended, and his Excellency was pleased to make the following Speech to both Houses.

Gentlemen of the Council and Gentlemen of the General Assembly.

I have called you together somewhat earlier than usual. that you might have full time to Compleat the Business you left unfinished at the last Sessions, and such other matters as may require your Attention before the Season of the Year shall [render] it inconvenient for you to be absent from your Homes.

There is at this time a Considerable number of Debtors confined in the different Gaols in this Province, the Condition of many of them is truly deplorable, and I cannot but recommend them to your Compassion. Good Policy indeed, as well as Humanity dictates that if any Expedient can be contrived for their Relief, not liable to such mischiefs as attended the late insolvent Act, it ought to be adopted. The state of the Publick Roads in this Province is another Matter that merits your Attention, even those which lie between the two Principal Trading Cities in North America are Seldom passable without danger or difficulty, I have before mentioned this subject to you, and the Legislature at the Session

in 1765 seemed so fully sensible that some regulations in this respect were wanting, that "an Act was then passed for "appointing Commissioners to View the Ground and report "to the next Session of General Assembly the practicability "of laying out strait Roads thro' certain parts of the prov-"ince, and for Establishing a Fund to defray the Expense of "the same" But I cannot learn that anything considerable has yet been done in pursuance of that Act; some unforeseen Obstacles may possibly have retarded the progress of this very desirable Work. I hope however they are not of such a nature, but that they may be removed without much inconvenience to any of the Inhabitants, and that we shall e'er Long have the Pleasure of Completing what must redound so greatly to the Honour & Advantage of this Country.

Gentlemen of the General Assembly

Besides the providing for the due Support of Government, I have in Command from his Majesty to signify to you that he Expects and requires that you will make those Provisions for the Supply of the Kings Troops in this province, which are directed by Act of Parliament. Your known Zeal and Loyalty for his Majestys Service render any Perswasions on this head unnecessary.

In every Colony Controversies frequently arise, wherein the Courts of Common Law cannot give Relief, and which therefore become the proper Objects of a Court of Chancery.

As the disuse of such a Court would probably be attended with Mischiefs to the good people you represent I have kept it open tho under very great disadvantages to myself, there not being any Salary allowed for the necessary Officers, and the Fees not being sufficient to make some of them even a Moderate Recompense for their Trouble and Attendance; I have in vain offered divers Commissions in Chancery to such persons as I have esteemed qualified to execute them.

I recommend this Matter to your Serious Consideration, and desire you would enable me to make a reasonable allowance to such as I shall appoint to execute the necessary

Offices in that Court in such manner as will be most likely to induce Persons of Knowledge and probity to take upon them the discharge of those important Trusts, without which it will be extremely iuconvenient, if not impracticable to receive any farther Business into the Chancery, or finish what is already there.

The House Continued till Friday the 15th of April

The House Met

Present

The Hoñble { Peter Kemble
David Ogden
Earl of Stirling
Charles Read Esqrs
John Stevens
James Parker
Fred: Smyth

The House Continued till Saturday 16th of April

The House Met

Present

Peter Kemble
David Ogden
Earl of Stirling
The Hoñble Charles Read Esquires
John Stevens
James Parker
Fred: Smyth

The House Continued till Monday the 18th of April

The House Met

Present
Peter Kemble
David Ogden
Earl of Stirling
The Honble Charles Read Esqrs
John Stevens
James Parker
Fred: Smyth

The House Continued till Tuesday the 19th of April

The House Met

Present
Peter Kemble
The Honble John Ladd Esqrs
James Parker
Fred: Smyth

His Excellency came into Council, and having by the Deputy Secretary informed the House of Assembly that he was in the Council Chamber ready to Receive the Address of that House

The Speaker with the House Attended & delivered the following Address to his Excellency

To his Excellency William Franklin Esq Captain General and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same &c^a

The Humble Address of the Representatives of said province in General Assembly Convened

May it please your Excellency

We His Majestys Dutiful and loyal Subjects the Representatives of the Colony of New Jersey in General Assembly

Met, thank your Excellency for calling us together earlier than usual, as you thereby give us an opportunity of Considering the Business referred at the last Session, and what may come before us in this at a Season less inconvenient to our Domestick Affairs.

Convinced of the number of unhappy Circumstances of the prisoners confined in the several Gaols in this Colony, we shall endeavour to alleviate their distresses by adopting such Measures for their Relief as We hope will not be liable to the Mischiefs that attended the late Insolvent Act; We agree with your Excellency, that a proper Regulation of the Publick Roads within this Colony, will much redound to the Advantage of the Publick, and had Expectations that the Act referred to, would have had the desired Effect, and Answered the Good Purposes thereby intended, but are sorry to find that the Commissioners named in the Act have not been Able to draw the Lottery granted; and that straightening the Roads in many Places is impracticable from the unfitness of the Soil for Roads and the too great Damage it would be to many of the Inhabitants, obstacles that at Present we cannot conveniently remove; As We have heretofore Supported the Government of this Colony and paid all due regard to his Majesty's Requisitions, so we have taken this part of your Excellencys Speech into Consideration, and shall make such provision for the Support of the Government, and supplying the Troops quartered in this Colony, as are Consistent with our Duty to our Constituents, and our Loyalty and Zeal for his Majestys Service.

Whenever your Excellency shall think Proper to inform us particularly what Officers of the Court of Chancery there is any necessity to provide for, We shall then take that part of your Excellencys Speech into farther consideration.

By Order of the House

April 19th 1768 CORTLAND SKINNER Speaker

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer

Gentlemen

I return you my thanks for this Address, the Assurance you give me of providing for the Kings Troops, and endeavouring to Alleviate the distresses of the Debtors now under Confinement are extremely agreeable.

A list of the Officers necessary for a regular Court of Chancery in this province shall soon be laid before you.

The Speaker with the House of Assembly returned to their Chamber, and his Excellency retired.

The House Continued till Wednesday the 20th of April

The House Met

Present
Peter Kemble
David Ogden
Samuel Woodruff
Earl of Stirling
The Hoñble Charles Read Esquires
John Stevens
John Ladd
James Parker
Fred : Smyth

Mr Keasby and Mr Clement from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill entituled an Act to Continue an Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax and Hemp, and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony &c so far as it relates to Flax & Hemp.

And also a Bill Entituled an Act to Naturalize John Lanteman John Snook, Frederick Hayn William Stroder, Philip Bemer John Haas, Johannes Mayar and Peter Colsher which Bills were Read the first time and ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till Thursday the 21st of April

The House Met

Present

The Honble	Peter Kemble	Charles Read	Esqrs
	David Ogden	John Stevens	
	Samll Woodruff	John Ladd	
	Earl of Sterling	James Parker	

Frederick Smyth

Mr Miller and Mr Hart from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill intituled an Act for choosing Representatives in the Countys of Morris Sussex and Cumberland, and directing the Morris County Taxes to be paid into the Eastern Treasury of this Colony. which Bill was read the first time and ordered a Second reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Naturalize John Lanterman John Snook, Frederick Hayn, William Stroder, Philip Bemer, John Haas Johannes Mayar & Peter Colsher was read a Second time and ordered a third Reading

The Bill entituled an Act to Continue an Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax & Hemp and planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony &c so far as relates to Flax and Hemp, was read a Second time, and ordered a third Reading.

Mr Wetherill, Mr Fisher, Mr Leaming, Mr J. Lawrence & Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill intituled an Act for the Septennial Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of the Colony of New Jersey.

Mr Vangieson and Mr Ogden from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill entituled an Act to regulate the Fishery within that part of the Eastern Division of this Colony from the Mouth of Rariton River Northward

The House Continued till Friday the 22d of April

The House Mett

Present

	Peter Kemble	Charles Read	
The Honble	David Ogden	John Stevens	
	Saml Woodruff	John Ladd	Esq^rs
	Earl of Stirling	James Parker	
	Frederick Smyth.		

The Bill entituled an Act for the Septennial Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of the Colony of New Jersey was Read the first time and ordered a Second Reading.

The Bill entituled an Act to regulate the Fishery within that part of the Eastern Division of this Colony from the mouth of Rariton Northward was Read the first time and ordered a Second Reading.

The Bill entituled an Act for chusing Representatives in the Counties of Morris, Cumberland and Sussex, and directing the Morris County Taxes to be paid into the Eastern Treasury of this Colony, was read the Second time, and committed to the Members of this Board or any three of them.

A Message from the House of Assembly by Mr Johnston and Mr Vanest

House of Assembly April 21st 1768.

The Petitions from Middlesex, Monmouth, Somerset, Morris and Hunterdon, praying for Reasons therein set forth that a Law may be passed, for striking a paper Currency &^c were Read the Second time, The House taking the same into Consideration.

Ordered

That Mr Wetherill, Mr Fisher, Mr Crane, Mr Cooper, Mr Leaming, Mr Richard Lawrence, and Mr Miller be a Committee to join a Committee of the Council in a free Conference upon the Subject Matter of said Petitions, and that the Speaker is requested to Assist the said Committee

Ordered

That Mr Johnston and Mr Vanest do wait on the Gentlemen of the Council with a Copy of the above Minute, and desire that they will appoint the time and place of Conference

Ordered

That Mr Ogden Lord Stirling, Mr Read, Mr Stevens and Mr Parker, or any three of them be a Committee to Meet the Committee of the House of Assembly on a free Conference on the Subject Matter of the foregoing Message, and that the Committee do meet in the Council Chamber at five o'Clock this afternoon.

Ordered

That Mr Ladd do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Ladd reported that he had obeyed the sd order.

The House Continued till Saturday the 23d of April

The House met

Present

	Peter Kemble	Charlee Read	
The	David Ogden	John Stevens	
Honble	Samuel Woodruff	John Ladd	Esqrs
	Earl of Sterling	James Parker	
	Frederick Smyth		

The Bill intituled an Act to regulate the Fishery within that part of the Eastern Division of this Colony from the Mouth of Rariton River Northward was Read a Second time, and ordered a third reading.

The Bill entituled an Act for the Septennial Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of the Colony of New Jersey, was read a Second time, and Comitted to the Members of this House or any three of them.

Mr Cooper and Mr Clement from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill entituled an Act to Enable the Owners and possessors of the lower

Meadows on Woodbury Creek in the County of Gloucester to keep up and maintain the Dam Banks and other Water Works already made and Erect and make such new Ones as may be necessary for the more Effectual draining said Meadows, which was read the first time & ordered a second Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act to naturalize John Lanterman, John Snook Frederick Hayn William Stroder Philip Bemer, John Haas Johannes Magar and Peter Colsher, was read a third Time.

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the said Bill

The Bill entituled an Act to Continue an Act Entituled an Act for granting a Bounty upon The raising of Flax and Hemp, and Planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony &ᶜ so far as relates to Flax and Hemp, was read a third Time

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered, that the Speaker do Sign the said Bill

Ordered, that Mᵉ Parker do acquaint the House of Assembly that the Council had passed the said Bills without any Amendment.

Ordered,

That Lord Stirling, Mᵉ Ladd & Mᵉ Parker be a Committee to prepare an Address to his Excellency in Answer to his Speech at the Opening of the Sessions.

The House Continued till Monday the 25ᵗʰ of April

The House Met

Present

The Hoñble	Peter Kemble	Esqᵉˢ
Rᵗ Hoñble	Earl of Sterling	
	John Ladd	
	James Parker	

Mr Fisher and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act to impower the Inhabitants of Bridgewater and Bedminster &c to repair their Roads by a Tax &c And also a Bill intituled an Act to repair the Publick Roads in the Southward of the Corporation of Amboy in the County of Middlesex by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same, which were read the first time & ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Borden and Mr Runyan from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill intituled an Act for regulating Constables, Vendues & Taverns, which was read the first time and ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Parker reported that he had Obeyed the order of the House of Saturday last.

Lord Stirling from the Committee appointed to prepare an Address to his Excellency laid before the House the draught of one, which was read and approved

The House Continued till Tuesday the 26th of April

The House Met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble, Sam1 Woodruff, Lord Stirling, John Ladd, James Parker } Esqrs

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable the Owners and possessors of the Lower Meadows on Woodbury Creek in the County of Gloucester &c to keep and maintain the Dam Banks and other Water Works already made and Erect and make such new ones as may be necessary for the more Effectual draining and watering said Meadows, was read the Second time, and ordered a third reading, The Bill Entituled an Act to Impower the Inhabitants of Bridgewater and Bedminster in the County of Somerset to repair their publick highways by Hire, and to raise Money for that purpose, was read the Second time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act to repair the publick Roads in the South Ward of the Corporation of Perth Amboy in the County of Middlesex, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same, was read the Second time, and committed to the Members of the House or any three of them.

The Bill Entituled An Act for the better regulating Constables Vendues and Taverns was read the Second time and ordered a third Reading.

Mr Johnston and Mr Runyan from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act to Build a Bridge over South River in the County of Middlesex, which was read the first time and ordered a Second reading.

The House Continued till Wednesday the 27th of April

The House Met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble, Saml Woodruff, David Ogden, John Ladd, James Parker } Esqrs

Mr Hart and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill Entituled An Act to repair and Amend the publick Roads and Streets in the North Ward of the City of Perth Amboy by a Tax &c.

And Also the Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to an Act Entituled An Act to Regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware &c. which Bills were read the first time and ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Woodruff from the Committee to whom the Bill Entituled An Act for chusing Representatives in the Counties of Morris, Cumberland and Sussex, and directing the Morris County Taxes to be paid into the Eastern Treasury, was referred, Reported that they had gone thro' the same without any Amendment, which being Read a Third time

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same.

Mr Ogden from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act for the Septennial Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of the Colony of New Jersey, reported that they had gone through the same without any Amendment, which being Read a third time.

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same

The Bill Entituled an Act to regulate the Fishery within that part of the Eastern Division of the Colony from the Mouth of Rarition River Northward was read a third time

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same.

The Bill Entituled An Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of the Lower Meadows on Woodbury Creek in the County of Gloucester &c to keep and maintain the Dam, Banks & other Water Works already made, and to Erect and make such new ones as may be necessary for the more Effectual draining and watering said Meadows, was Read a third time

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same.

The Bill Entituled an Act to impower the Inhabitants of Bridgwater and Bedminster in the County of Somerset to repair their publick highways by hire, and to raise Money for that purpose, was read a third time

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Ladd do Acquaint the House of Assembly that the Council had passed the five Bills last mentioned,

Mr Ladd reported that he had obeyed the foregoing Order.

The House Continued till 3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Met

Present

Peter Kemble, Sam[l] Woodruff, The Hon[ble] David Ogden, John Ladd, James Parker } Esqrs

M[r] Parker from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act to repair the Public Roads in the South Ward of the Corporation of Perth Amboy in the County of Middlesex, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same, reported that the Committee had gone through the same, and made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place, and then delivered in at the Table

Ordered that the said Amendments be again Read, and being agreed to by the House

Ordered, that the said Bill and Amendments be a third time Read, Which being done

Resolved, that the said Bill as Amended do pass

Ordered, that the Speaker do Sign the said Bill and Amendments.

Ordered, M[r] Ogden do carry to the House of Assembly the said Bill and Amendments thereto annexed, and desire the Concurrence of that House to the said Amendments.

The Bill Entituled an Act for the better regulating Constables Vendues and Taverns, was read a third time

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same

Ordered, that M[r] Ogden do acquaint the House of Assembly that the Council had passed the same without any Amendment

M[r] Ogden acquainted the House that he had Obeyed the foregoing order

The Bill Entituled an Act to Build a Bridge over South River in the County of Middlesex was Read a third time, and

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the same

The Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to an Act Entituled an Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware & to prevent obstructions in the Navigation thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was Read the Second time and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled An Act to repair and Amend the publick Roads and Streets in the Northern Ward of the City of Perth Amboy, and to repair the Town Wharf in the said City by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the said Northern Ward, was Read the Second time and ordered a third Reading.

The House Continued till Thursday the the 28th of April

The House met

Present

Peter Kemble, Sam[l] Woodruff, The Honble David Ogden, John Ladd, James Parker } Esq[rs]

The Bill Entituled a Supplementary Act to An Act Entituled An Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the Navigation thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned, was Read a third time, and

On the Question

Resolved that the Same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

The Bill Entituled An Act to repair and Amend the publick Roads and streets in the Northern Ward of the City of Perth Amboy, and to repair the Town Wharf in the said City by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the said Northern Ward, was Read a third time.

On the Question

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered, that M[r] Parker do acquaint the House of Assem-

bly that the Council had passed the two Bills last mentioned, together with the Bill Entituled an Act to Build a Bridge over South River in the County of Middlesex, without any Amendment.

Mr Parker acquainted the House that he had Obeyed the said Order

Mr Rodman and Mr Vangieson from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled An Act to Naturalize Nicholas Ott, which was Read the first time, and Ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till 3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Met

Present

	Peter Kemble	David Ogden
The Hoñble	Saml Woodruff	Lord Stirling
	John Stevens	John Ladd

The Bill Entituled an Act to Naturalize Nicholas Ott was read the Second time, and ordered a third Reading

The House Continued till Friday the 29th of April.

The House Met

Present

	Peter Kemble	Lord Stirling
The Hoñble	David Ogden	John Stevens
	Saml Woodruff	John Ladd

James Parker

Mr Leaming and Mr Runyan from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act to Erect and Establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Tryal of Small Causes, which was read the first time & ordered a Second Reading

Mr Leaming and Mr Runyan acquainted the House that the House of Assembly had agreed to the Councils Amend-

ments to the Act Entituled an Act to repair the Roads in the South Ward of Perth Amboy &c by a Tax &c and presented the ReEngrossed Bill passed in that House, which Bill being Read and Compared

Ordered, That the Speaker do Sign the same.

The Bill Entituled an Act to naturalize Nicholas Ott was Read a third time, and

On the Question

Resolved that the Same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same.

Ordered that Mr Stevens do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Stevens reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

The House Continued till 3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Met

Present

Peter Kemble	John Stevens
David Ogden	John Ladd
Lord Stirling	James Parker

Mr Lawrence and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled an Act to impower the Inhabitants of the Township of Pequanack in the County of Morris to repair their Publick Highways by Hire and raise Money for that purpose, which was Read the first time, and ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till Saturday the 30th of April.

The House Met

Present

	Peter Kemble	John Stevens	
The Honble	David Ogden	John Ladd	Esqrs
	Lord Stirling	James Parker	

The Bill Entituled an Act to Erect and Establish Courts in the several Counties of this Colony for the Trial of Small Causes, was read a Second time, and Committed to the Members of this House or any three of them.

The Bill Entituled an Act to impower the Inhabitants of the Township of Pequanack in the County of Morris to repair their publick Highways by Hire and raise Money for that purpose, was read the Second time and ordered a third Reading.

The House Continued till Monday the 2d of May

The House Met

Present

	Peter Kemble	John Stevens	
The Honble	David Ogden	John Ladd	Esqrs
	Lord Stirling	James Parker	

The House Continued till Tuesday the 3d of May

The House Met

Present

	Peter Kemble	John Stevens	
The Honble	David Ogden	John Ladd	Esqrs
	Lord Stirling	James Parker	

Mr Johnston and Mr Vanest from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors Also the Bill Entituled An Act to regulate the Trial of Slaves for Murder and other Crimes &c which Bills were read the first time and ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Parker from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled an Act to Erect and Establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of Small Causes, reported that the Committee had gone through the same, and

made several Amendments thereto, which he read in his place and then delivered in at the Table.

Ordered that the said Amendments be again Read, & being agreed to by the House

Ordered that the said Bill and Amendments be read a third time, which being done

Resolved that the said Bill as amended do pass, and that the the Speaker Sign the said Bill and the Amendments.

Ordered that Mr Parker do carry to the House of Assembly the said Bill, and the Amendments thereto annexed, and desire the Concurrence of the House to the said Amendments.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Impower the Inhabitants of the Township of Pequanack in the County of Morris, to repair their Publick Highways by Hire, and raise Money for that Purpose, was read a third time

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same

Ordered that Mr Parker acquaint the House of Assembly that the Council have passed the same without any Amendment.

Mr Parker acquainted the House that he had obeyed the foregoing Orders.

The House Continued till 3 o'Clock P. M.

The House Met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble, Sam[l] Woodruff, John Stevens, John Ladd, James Parker } Esqrs

A Message from the House of Assembly in the words following

The Amendments proposed by the Council to the Bill Entituled an Act to Erect and Establish Courts in the several Counties for the Trial of small Causes, being read in their

places. Ordered that Mr Cooper and Mr John Lawrence do wait on the Council and inform them that this House agree to the first, second, fourth, fifth and seventh Amendments, but disagree to the third and sixth Amendments, and in these parts adhere to the Bill.

Which being Considered by the House

On the Question

It is agreed that the House do recede from the said third and sixth Amendments

Ordered, That Mr Ladd carry the said Bill and Amendments to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith. Mr Ladd acquainted the House that he had Obeyed the above order. The Bill Entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors was read a Second time, and committed to the Members of this House, or any three of them.

The Bill Entituled An Act to regulate the Trial of Slaves for Murder and other Crimes, and to repeal so much of an Act Entituled an Act to Regulate Slaves as relates to their Trial for Murder and other Capital Offences, was read a Second time, and committed to the Members of this House or any three of them.

The House Continued till Wednesday the 4th of May

The House Met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble

David Ogden, John Stevens, Saml Woodruff, John Ladd, Lord Stirling, James Parker } Esqrs

Mr Lawrence and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly presented a Bill Entituled An Act for the Relief of Robt Lettice Hooper junr to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill was Read the first time, and ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Stevens from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, Reported that the Committee had gone through the same, and made two Amendments thereto, which he was ready to Report whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered that the said Report be made immediately, which being accordingly read, was agreed to by the House.

Mr Stevens from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled An Act to regulate the Trial of Slaves for Murder and other Crimes and to repeal so much of an Act Entituled an Act to regulate Slaves as Relates to their Trial for Murder, and other Capital Offences, reported the same without Amendment.

The Bill Entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors with the Amendments having been Read a third time

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same.

The Bill Entituled an Act to regulate the Trial of Slaves for Murder, and other Crimes, and to repeal so much of an Act Entituled an Act to Regulate Slaves, as relates to their Trial for Murder and other Capital Offences, having been read a Third Time.

Resolved, that the same do pass

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the same.

Ordered, that Mr Stevens do carry to the House of Assembly the Bill Entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, with the Amendments thereto annexed and desire the Concurrence of that House to the said Amendments.

And that he Also acquaint the House of Assembly that the Council have passed the Bill Entituled An Act to Regulate the Trial of Slaves for Murder, and other Crimes, and to repeal so much of an Act Entituled an Act to Regulate Slaves, as relates to their Trial for Murder & other Capital Offences without any Amendment

The House Continued till 3 o'clock P. M.

The House Met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble

Lord Stirling, John Ladd, John Stevens, James Parker } Esqrs

A Message from the Assembly in the following Words vizt

The Councils Amendments to the Bill Entituled An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors being Read in their places Ordered that Mr Borden and Mr Dey, do wait on the Council and inform them that this House agrees to the first Amendment but disagrees to the Second and in that part adhere to the Bill

Which being Considered by the House.

On the Question

Resolved, that the House do recede from the said Second Amendment

Ordered that Mr Stevens do carry the said Bill to the House of Assembly, and acquaint them therewith.

Mr Stevens reported that he had obeyed the above Order.

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Relief of Robert Lettice Hooper jun^r was read a Second time, and Comitted to the Members of this House or any three of them.

Mr Parker from the Comittee to whom the above Bill was referred, Reported that the said Committee had gone thro' the same and made an Amendment thereto, which he was ready to report whenever the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered that the said report be made immediately which being accordingly read, was agreed to by the House And the said Bill and Amendment being read the third time

Resolved that the same do pass

Ordered, that the Speaker do sign the s^d Bill and Amendment

Ordered, that Mr Parker do acquaint the House of Assem-

bly therewith, and desire their Concurrence to the said Amendment.

Mr Parker acquainted the Speaker he had Obeyed the Order of the House,

The House Continued till Thursday May the 5th

The House Mett.

Present

The Honble	Peter Kemble	John Stevens	
	Sam̃. Woodruff	John Ladd	Esqrs
	Lord Stirling	James Parker	

Mr Leaming, Mr Fisher, Mr Wetherill, Mr Miller, Mr Runyan and Mr Stilwell from the House of Assembly presented a Bill Entituled An Act for making current One hundred thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, to which they desired the Concurrence of this House.

Which Bill was read the first time and ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Lawrence and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House, the Re Engrossed Bill Entituled an Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors, Also the Re Engrossed Bill Entituled an Act for the Relief of Robt Lettice Hooper junr

Which being Read and Compared with the Amendments of this House

Ordered That the Speaker do sign the same

Mr Lawrence & Mr Borden from the House of Assembly presented the ReEngrossed Bill Entituled An Act to Erect and Establish Courts in the several Counties for the Trial of Small Causes, and desired the Concurrence of this House Which being Read and Compared with the Amendments of this House

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same,

Mr Wetherill Mr Cooper Mr J. Lawrence Mr Crane, and Mr Johnston from the House of Assembly presented a Bill Entituled An Act for the Support of Government &c and

desired the Concurrence of this House. which being Read the first time was ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till 4 o'clock P. M.

The House Met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble John Stevens
Sam̃ Woodruff John Ladd Esqrs
Lord Stirling James Parker

Mr Borden and Mr Laurence from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House A Bill Entituled An Act appointing Commissrs for supplying the several Barracks in the Colony of New Jersey &c

Also a Bill Entituled An Act to enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from joint Partners &c Which Bills being Read the first time were ordered a Second Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act for making current One hundred thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit, was read a Second time, and Committed to the Members of this House or any three of them.

The House Continued till Friday May the 6th

The House met

Present

Peter Kemble Lord Stirling
The Honble David Ogden John Stevens } Esqrs
Sam̃. Woodruff John Ladd
James Parker

A Message from the House of Assembly

The House being informed that there is a Quantity of Gun powder and Lead left in the Care of John Rosecreants Esq: in the County of Sussex, and Also a number of fire Arms in the hands of David Gano at New Brunswick belonging to the Province, and as no Account of these Matters was given in time to make Provision by Law for the Sale of them, and that they may not be totally lost to the Province

Resolved that Mr Fisher and Mr Vanest do apply to the said Rosecrants and Gano, for the same, and as soon as Conveniently may be, make Sale thereof, and of the Fire Arms said to be in the hands of Jonathan Hampton, and Account therefor, to the next Sessions of General Assembly

Ordered that Mr Runyan and Mr Clement do wait on the Council and desire their Concurrence to this Resolution.

The Bill Entituled An Act appointing Commissrs for Supplying the several Barracks erected in the Colony of New Jersey with Furniture, and other necessarys for Accomodating the Kings Troops &c was read a Second time, and ordered a third Reading

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from joint Partners &c was Read the Second time and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of Governm was read the Second time, and Ordered a third Reading

The House Continued till 4 o'clock P. M.

The House Met,

Present

	Peter Kemble		
The Honble	David Ogden	John Stevens	Esqrs
	Sam̃ Woodruff	John Ladd	
	Lord Stirling	James Parker	

Mr Fisher and Mr Stilwell from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House An Act Entituled An Act for more Effectually compelling the Assessors &c to return Compleat and Exact Duplicates &c which was read the first time, and ordered a Second Reading.

Mr Vangeison and Mr Keasby from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House a Bill Entituled An Act to Compell the several Officers of the Citys Townships & precincts &c to deliver to their Successors in Office, the Laws put into their Hands for the Use of the said Cities,

Townships and Precincts, which was read the first time and ordered a Second reading.

The House continued till 9 o'clock to morrow morning

The House Met May 7

Present

The Hon̄ble Peter Kemble
David Ogden John Ladd Esq^rs
Sam̄ Woodruff James Parker

The Bill Entituled an Act to Enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from joint partners &^c was Read a third time, and

On the Question

Resolved, that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do Sign the same.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Compell the several Officers of the Cities Townships and Precincts in this Colony of New Jersey, to deliver to their Successors in Office the Laws put in their Hands for the Use of the Cities Townships and Precincts was Read the Second time and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill Entituled an Act for the Support of Government of His Majestys Colony of New Jersey &^c was Read the third time, and

On the Question

Resolved, that the same do pass

Ordered, that the Speaker do Sign the same,

The House Continued till 4 o'clock P. M

The House met May 7

Present

Peter Kemble

The Hon̄ble David Ogden John Ladd Esq^rs
Sam̄ Woodruff James Parker

Mr Ogden from the Committee to whom was referred the Bill Entituled An Act appointing Commissioners for supply-

ing the several Barracks &c reported that the Committee had gone thro' the same, and made several Amendments which he was ready to report when the House would be pleased to receive the same.

Ordered that the said Report be made immediately which Amendments were read and are as follows.

Amendments to the Bill Entituled an Act appointing Commiss^rs for Supplying the several Barracks Erected in the Colony of New Jersey &c

Instead of the first Enacting Clause, insert

"Be it Enacted that the Governor & Council of this Prov-
"ince for the time being shall and may during the Continu-
"ance of this Act, Constitute and appoint such proper Person
"or Persons as they shall think fitt to be Commiss^rs for the
"several Barracks of this Colony, not exceeding two for each
"Barrack"

Line 5th 2^d Clause, after the Word Colony insert "*On Warrant to them or either of them signed by the Governor in Council*" In the same Line leave out *Daniel Ellis & the other names* and insert *The said Commissioners or any one or two of them to each Barrack.*

Line 12th Between the words *the* and *General insert Governor Council and.* leave out the first three Lines of the proviso to the Second Clause.

In the third Line of the Preamble, to the third Enacting Clause between *it* and *Enacted* insert *therefore* Page 2^d Line 5th instead of Barrack Masters insert *Commissioners.*

Line 24th same Amendment.

28 the same.

29 the same.

Last line. after *them* insert *on Warrant signed by the Governor and Council to receive* and dele the Words *to draw.*

Page 3^d Line 4th between *the* and *General* insert *Governor & Council and*

Council Chamber } By Order of the House
May the 7th 1768 } PETER KEMBLE Speaker

Ordered, that Lord Stirling do acquaint the House of Assembly that the Council had passed the said Bill with the Amendments, to which they desire the Concurrence of the House of Assembly.

Lord Stirling reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

The Bill Entituled an Act to Compel the several Officers of the Cities Townships &c of this Colony to deliver to their Successors the Laws put into their Hands for the use of said Cities Townships & precincts was read a third time, and

On the Question

Resolved that the same do pass.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same,

The Bill Entituled an Act for more Effectually Compelling the Assessors within the several Cities Townships & Precincts within this Colony to return Complete Duplicates &c was read a third time, and

On the Question. Resolved, that the same do pass,

Ordered, that the Speaker do Sign the same

Mr Leaming and Mr Wetherill from the House of Assembly brought back the Bill Entituled an Act appointing Commissrs for supplying the several Barracks &c with the Amendments of this House together with the following Resolution of the House of Assembly thereupon vizt

Resolved Nemine Contradicente, that this being a Money Bill the House cannot admit the Council to Amend the same, and therefore do adhere to their Bill and reject the said Amendments.

The House Continued till Monday the 9th of May.

The House Met

Present

The Honble Peter Kemble Esqrs

John Stevens James Parker

Ordered that Mr Stevens do acquaint the House of Assembly that the Council have passed the Bill Entituled An Act

to Compel the several Officers of the Cities Townships and Precincts in this Colony to deliver to their Successors in Office the Laws put into their Hands for the use of said Cities &c And Also the Bill Entituled an Act for more Effectually compelling the Assessors &c to return Compleat and Exact Duplicates &c Also the Bill Entituled an Act to Enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from joint Partners, within the Colony of New Jersey.

Mr Stevens reported that he had Obeyed the above Order.

The House Continued till Tuesday the 10th of May

The House Met

Present

The Honble	Peter Kemble	John Stevens	Esqrs
	Lord Stirling	John Ladd	
	Sam̃ Woodruff	James Parker	

Mr Vangeison and Mr Clement from the House of Assembly presented for the Concurrence of this House, a Bill Entituled an Act appointing Commissioners to sell a Quantity of Gun Powder and Lead &c belonging to this Colony, for the use of the same, which was read the first time and ordered a Second Reading.

The House Continued till 4 o'clock P. M.

Present

The Honble	Peter Kemble	John Stevens	Esqrs
	Lord Stirling	John Ladd	
	Sam̃ Woodruff	James Parker	

The Bill Entituled an Act appointing Commissrs to Sell a Quantity of Gun powder & Lead &c belonging to this Colony for the Use of the same, was read the Second time and ordered a third Reading, and

On the Question

Resolved, that the same do pass.

The House taking in their Consideration the Message from

the House of Assembly of Saturday last, by which they reject the Amendments of this House to the Bill Entituled an Act appointing Commiss^rs for Supplying the several Barracks Erected in this Colony of New Jersey with Furniture &^c and seeing the Absolute necessity of accommodating the Kings Troops, and as the Assembly Adhere to the Bill in the form it now is, do agree to recede from their said Amendments.

Ordered that the Speaker do sign the same without the Amendments.

Ordered that Mr Ladd do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Ladd reported that he had Obeyed the Order of this House.

Ordered that Mr Parker do acquaint the House of Assembly that the Council have passed the Bill Entituled An Act for the Support of His Majestys Government of New Jersey.

Mr Parker reported that he had obeyed the Order of the House.

The Bill Entituled an Act for making current One hundred thousand pounds, was reported from the Committee without any Amendments. Which said Bill was read a third time; and

On the Question. Resolved, that the same do pass,

Ordered, that the Speaker do Sign the same

Ordered, that Mr Parker do acquaint the House of Assembly therewith.

Mr Parker reported that he had Obeyed the Order of this House.

Mr Fisher and Mr Miller from the House of Assembly waited on this House to know whether they had any further Business before them otherwise they proposed to request his Excellency to put an End to the Sessions.

The House returned for Answer that they had dispatched the Business before them and had no objection to such an Application.

Lord Stirling and Mr Ladd from the Committee appointed to prepare a Draft of an Address to his Excellency the Governor reported they had prepared the same, and delivered it in at the Table, which being read and agreed to

Ordered, that the same be Engrossed

The Engrossed Address to his Excellency being read

Ordered, that the Speaker do Sign the same

Ordered that Mr Parker and Mr Stevens do wait on his Excellency and acquaint him that the Council have agreed on an Address to his Excellency, and desire to know when he will be pleased to receive the same.

Mr Parker and Mr Stevens reported that they had waited on his Excellency who was pleased to say he would receive the Address this Afternoon.

The Council waited on his Excellency and delivered the following Address.

To His Excellency William Franklin Esq Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief in and over the Province of New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America; Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same &c^a

The Humble Address of His Majesty's Council of the s^d Province

May it Please your Excellency

The Attention which you have been pleased to pay to our ease and Convenience in calling the Legislative Body of this Province together at this Early Season of the Year is truly engaging, And your Excellencys Speech at the Opening of the Sessions contains such Sentiments of Real Regard for the prosperity, Honour and Happiness of this Colony as cannot but excite in us the highest Approbation and an unfeigned return of Thanks and applause.

We have for some time past beheld with Concern the great Increase of the number of unfortunate Debtors under Confinement in the different Gaols of this Province, who are thereby rendered incapable of supplying their own Wants, or afford-

ing any Assistance to their wretched Families, by a Laborious Industry Essential to the welfare of a growing Colony.

We therefore Agree with your Excellency that prudential policy, as well as the dictates of Humanity call for the Aid of the Legislature to Apply a Remedy to a Grievance daily increasing, with numberless bad consequences, And this We Apprehend may be Effected by a Law framed on principles, as well of Compassionate concern for the unfortunate Debtor, as a reasonable Attention to the Rights of the Creditor

It must be admitted that notwithstanding your Excellencys prudent Endeavours at a former Session to accomplish a proper regulation and Amendment of the public Roads of this Province, it does not Appear that so ready Attention has been paid to a Measure so extensively Beneficial, as might have been expected; But we trust that your Excellency's repeated Applications, together with the Apparent necessity of setting about a Work in which the Credit of the Province, the Benefit of the Inhabitants, and the safety and ease of Travellers, are so deeply concerned, will outweigh all trivial obstacles. And your Excellency may be Assured of our ready Concurrence with the House of Assembly to promote an Accomplishment of this and every other design in which the welfare and Advantage of the Province may be promoted and secured. Signed By Order of the House

PETER KEMBLE Speaker

To which his Excellency was pleased to make the following Answer

Gentlemen,

I thank you heartily for this obliging Address

It cannot but afford me particular pleasure to have the Measures recommended by me receive your Approbation.

His Excellency came into Council and having by the Deputy Secretary required the Attendance of the House of Assembly, the Speaker with the House attending his Excellency was pleased to give his Assent to the following Acts.

1 An Act for the Support of Government of his Majestys Colony of New Jersey, to commence the twenty first day of May one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, and to end the twenty first day of May one thousand seven hundred and sixty nine; and to discharge the publick Debts and Contingent Charges thereof

2 An Act for the Relief of Insolvent Debtors.

3 An Act to Erect & Establish Courts in the several Counties in this Colony for the Trial of small Causes.

4. An Act for the better regulating Constables Vendues and Taverns.

5. An Act to Enable Creditors more easily to recover their Debts from joint Partners, within the Colony of New Jersey.

6. An Act to appoint Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks Erected in the Colony of New Jersey with Furniture and other necessaries for accomodating the Kings Troops &c

7 An Act for the Septenniel Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of the Colony of New Jersey.

8. An Act for choosing Representatives for the Counties of Morris Cumberland and Sussex, and directing the Morris County Taxes to be paid into the Eastern Treasury.

9 An Act to Continue an Act entituled An Act for granting a Bounty upon the raising of Flax and Hemp and Planting of Mulberry Trees in this Colony. &c so far as relates to Flax and Hemp.

10. An Act to regulate the Trial of Slaves for Murder and other Crimes, and to repeal so much of an Act entituled an Act to regulate Slaves, as relates to their Trial for Murder and other Capital Offences.

11. An Act to regulate the Fishery within that part of the Eastern Division of this Colony from the Mouth of Rariton River Northward

12 A Supplementary Act to an Act entituled an Act to regulate the Method of taking Fish in the River Delaware, and to prevent Obstructions in the navigation thereof, and for other purposes therein mentioned.

13 An Act to repair the Publick Roads in the South Ward of the Corporation of Perth Amboy in the County of Middlesex, by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the same.

14. An Act to Build a Bridge over South River in the County of Middlesex.

15 An Act to repair and Amend the Publick Roads and Streets in the Northern Ward of the City of Perth Amboy, and to Repair the Town Wharf in the said City by a Tax on the Inhabitants of the said Northern Ward

16 An Act to impower the Inhabitants of the Township of Pequanack in the County of Morris, to repair their Publick Highways by Hire, and raise Money for that purpose.

17. An Act to Impower the Inhabitants of Bridgewater and Bedminster, in the County of Somerset to repair their publick Highways by hire, and to raise Money for that purpose.

18. An Act for more effectually compelling the Assessors within the several Cities Townships and precincts within this Colony, to return Compleat and Exact Duplicates of their Respective Assessments.

19. An Act to Compel the several Officers of the Cities Townships and precincts in this Colony of New Jersey, to deliver to their Successors in Office the Laws put in their Hands for the Use of the said Cities Townships and Precincts.

20. An Act appointing Commissioners to sell a Quantity of Gun Powder and Lead, and a number of fire Arms belonging to this Colony, for the use of the same.

21 An Act to Enable the Owners and Possessors of the Lower Meadows on Woodbury Creek, in the County of Gloucester &c to keep up and maintain the Dam, Banks, and other Water Works already made; and Erect and make such New Ones as may be necessary for the more effectual draining and Watering said Meadows.

22. An Act to naturalize John Lauterman, John Snook, Frederick Hayn, William Stroder, Philip Bemer, John Haas, Johannes Mayer, and Peter Colsher.

23. An Act to Naturalize Nicholas Ott.

After which his Excellency prorogued the General Assembly to Tuesday the thirty first day of May next, then to meet at Burlington.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 15th
L. 8. of April, 1768.

Present
His Excellency William Franklin Esquire Governor

The Honble	Peter Kemble	John Stevens	Esqrs
	David Ogden	James Parker	
	Lord Sterling	Fred: Smyth	
	Charles Read		

The Chief Justice having made a Complaint that he had been for some time past in several instances treated with great Indignity by Mr Berrien one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, he requested that before he entered into any particulars of his accusation Mr Berrien have Notice thereof and be desired to attend this Board.

The Board taking the same into Consideration do order that Wednesday the twentieth Instant in the forenoon be the time to inquire into the Merits of the said Complaint, and that the Clerk do write to Mr Berrien and inform him thereof, and request his attendance accordingly.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 20th day of April Anno Dom̃. 1768

Present
His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

	Peter Kemble	John Stevens	Esqrs
	David Ogden	John Ladd	
The Honble	Samuel Woodruff	James Parker	
	Lord Stirling	Fred: Smyth	
	Charles Read		

The Clerk informed the Board that he had Obeyed the order of the Council, and given Notice to Mr Berrien of the above Complaint, who was now attending accordingly.

The Board upon Consideration being of Opinion that it would be proper to Exhibit the said Complaint in Writing, Ordered that the hearing of the same be postponed till tomorrow morning, and that the Chief Justice do, in the mean time reduce his Charge into writing

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John Denn ex Dem̃
of Sam̃ Kaighn

In Error
The Honble Charles Read Esqr late Chief Justice of this Province delivered into this Board a Writ of Error and return thereof under his Hand, with the Transcript of the Record in the said Supreme Court annexed.

On Motion of Mr Ogden Atty for the Defendant in Error, it is ordered that the Plaintiff in Error do Assign his Errors in twenty days after Service of a Copy of this Rule on the Plaintiff or his Attorney, or become Nonsuit

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 21st day of April Anno Domini 1768

Present
His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

The Honble Peter Kemble, David Ogden, Samuel Woodruff, Charles Read, John Stevens, John Ladd, James Parker, Fred: Smyth Esqrs

The Chief Justice having given his Complaint against Mr Berrien in to the Board in writing, It is ordered that Mr Berrien have a Copy thereof and that the same be heard at five o'Clock this afternoon.

A Petition having been presented to this Board against Joseph Reading Esqr one of the Justices of Hunterdon, by

one Jacob Swallow, complaining of Mal-practice in his Office It is ordered that the Consideration of the said Complaint be postponed untill the Trial of the Indictment for the same Offence now Complained of be had, and the Issue thereof made known to this Board.

A Complaint having been made against Thomas Gach Esqr for Marrying Persons without Licence, it is ordered that he have Notice thereof from the Clerk, and be directed to attend this Board the day after to morrow, to answer thereto.

His Excellency having observed to the Board that it was necessary to issue new Commissions for the Courts of Pleas, and of the Peace in several Counties of this Province, the same was taken into Consideration, and his Excellency by the advice of Council nominated the following Gentlemen Viz^t

for Bergen County

Judges	Justices of the Peace
George Ryerse	
Reynear Vangieson	Barent Cole
Lawrence Vanbuskirk	Daniel Vrisberg
Peter Zabrisky	Cornelius Van Vorst
John Fell	

Justices of the Quorum

John Ryerse	George Vreelandt
James Board	Peter Zabrisky
Derrick Vangieson	Ruloff Westervelt
Abram̃ Vansickle	John Berry jun^r
William Bayard	John Fell

Judges, for the County of Essex

Samuel Woodruff	Stephen Crane
John Ogden	Daniel Pierson
Uzal Ogden	Jonathan Hampton

Of the Quorum

John Ogden	Uzal Ogden
Stephen Crane	Robert Ogden

Daniel Pierson	Jonathan Hampton
John Stiles	Michael Vreelandt
Timothy Whitehead	Joseph Riggs jun^{r}
Peter Peterson	Amos Harrison
Thomas Longworth	William Dow
Recompence Stanberry	Amos Potter

Thomas Woodruff

Justices

Robert Drummond
Ephraim Terrill
Timothy Edwards

for Middlesex County

Judges	Justices
James Neilson	
Reunie Runyan	Peter Corne
Jonathan Frazee	Jno Lewis Johnston
James Parker	George Brown
Stephen Skinner	

Of the Quorum

James Neilson	Samuel Barran
William Hutchinson	Francis Brazier
Reunie Runyan	Joseph Skelton
Jonathan Frazee	John Chamberlayn
Thomas Walker	David Ashton
James Parker	Stephen Skinner

Cornelius Low jun^{r}

for Somerset County

Judges	Justices
Philip Vanhorne	
Bryan Lefferty	Edward Lewis
Jacob Vanderveer	Jacob Vanorstrandt
John Carey	Benjamin Morgan
Peter Schenck	Peter Perine

Of the Quorum

Philip Vanhorne	Alexander Linne
Bryan Lefferty	Abraham Vanest
Jacob Vanderveer	Anthony White
John Brokaw	Henry Allwood
John Roy	John Carey
James Hude	Peter Schenck
Robert Stockton	John Vanhorne
Jacob Bergen	William M^c^Daniel

for Morris County

Judges

Jacob Ford	Robert Gould
Joseph Tuttle	Joseph Kitchell
Daniel Cooper	David Luse
Robert Goble	William Kelley
Samuel Tuthill	Samuel Grandine

Of the Quorum	Justices
The aforesaid Judges	Samuel Wells
Lemuel Bowers	Benjamin Cooper
John Carl jun^r^	Moses Tuttle
Benjamin Day	Jacob Ford jun^r^
Josiah Broadwell	

for Hunterdon County

Judges

William Morris
William Cleayton
John Hart
John Greendine
Isaac Smith

Of the Quorum

The aforesaid Judges

Charles Clark	Hugh Hughes
Richard Porter	Samuel Tucker

Benjamin Temple	John Rockhill
Azariah Hunt	Walter Rutherford
James Cole	Samuel Johnston

Justices

Andrew Bray	John Mehelm
Jonathan Sergeant	William Allen
John Anderson	Harman Lane
John Stout	Lewis Chamberlain

John Updike

for Sussex County

Judges	Of the Quorum	Justices
Richard Gardiner	The afs[d] Judges	John Rosecrantz
Hugh Hughes	Japhet Byram	Abraham Vanacker
Jacob Starn	Peter Decker	Robert M[c]Murtrie
Nathaniel Pillit	Samuel Crowell	Moses Ayers
Thomas Vanhorne		Andrew Willson

The Board continued till 5 oClock P. M.

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esq[r] Governor.

Peter Kemble	John Stevens
David Ogden	John Ladd
Samuel Woodruff	James Parker
Charles Read	Fred. Smyth

The Board proceeded to Examine the Complaint of the Chief Justice against M[r] Berrien, who attending, was called in, and M[r] Berrien having given in an Answer in Writing to the said Complaint, the same was Read, and both parties fully heared thereupon, After which the Board postponed the farther Consideration thereof till to morrow morning.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy on Friday the 22d of April 1768.

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

Peter Kemble	Charles Read
David Ogden	John Stevens
Samuel Woodruff	John Ladd
Earl of Stirling	James Parker

The Board resumed the Consideration of the Chief Justices Complaint against Mr Berrien, and after considerable time spent therein are of Opinion that the said Gentlemen have behaved to each other in a manner unbecoming their Stations in this Province But that it appears clear to this Board that the Conduct of Mr Berrien towards the Chief Justice is in several respects more deserving of Censure and reprehension than that of the Chief Justice. It is therefore the Opinion of this Board, that the parties be made acquainted with the Sentiments of the Board on this matter and that it be recommended to both the Gentlemen to behave for the future with a respect to each other more suitable to the Offices they hold, as a Contrary Conduct will not only reflect dishonour upon the Court whereof they are Justices, and lessen its Dignity and Weight in the Eyes of the People, but Oblige this Board, in Duty to the Public, to have recourse to Measures that may more effectually prevent the like Complaint for the Future.

Ordered, that the Clerk serve each of the Parties with a Copy of this Minute.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 29th of April 1768

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

	Peter Kemble	John Stevens
The Hon̄ble	David Ogden	John Ladd
	Earl of Stirling	James Parker

His Excellency laid before the Board several Letters and papers from the R^{t} Honble the Earl of Hillsborough, One of his Majestys principal Secretarys of State, which were read.

His Excellency acquainted the Board that Cornelius Low Esq. One of the practitioners of the Law in this province, had communicated to him a Letter he had received from John Berrien Esqr One of the Judges of the Supreme Court, which Letter being laid before the Board and read It is ordered that Mr Berrien be desired to attend this Board on Wednesday next, & explain the meaning, and Reason of his Writing said Letter; and that the Clerk do give him Notice thereof.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 4th of May, 1768.

Present
His Excellency William Franklin Esquire Governor

Peter Kemble	Earl of Stirling
David Ogden	John Stevens
Samuel Woodruff	John Ladd

James Parker

The Governor informed the Board that Mr Berrien had acquainted him that he had some very urgent Business at New York, that would make it very inconvenient for him to attend this day, and prayed to be indulged in farther time untill Friday next, which was accordingly granted.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 6th of May 1768

Present
His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

Peter Kemble

David Ogden	John Stevens
The Honble Samuel Woodruff	John Ladd
Earl of Stirling	James Parker

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter from Mr Berrien of this Days date, informing him of his being so indisposed at Elizabeth Town, that he could not attend at this Board in Person, and had therefore inclosed a Memorial on the Subject of his Letter to Mr Low, which being read and Considered, The Board are of Opinion that Mr Berrien has gone into general Charges against Mr Low, but has not Obeyed as he ought to have done, the order of this Board of the 29th of April, in giving his Reasons for writing the Letter therein mentioned.

Ordered, that the Clerk do deliver a Copy of said Memorial to Mr Low.

His Excellency also laid before the Board a Petition from Mr Berrien relative to the late dispute between him and the Chief Justice, which being Read, is referred for farther Consideration.

His Excellency laid before the Board two Bills presented to him for his Approbation. The one Entituled "An Act for choosing Representatives in the Counties of Morris, Cumberland and Sussex, and directing the Morris County Taxes to be paid into the Eastern Treasury of this Colony."

The other Entituled "An Act for the Septennial Election of Representatives to serve in the General Assembly of the Colony of New Jersey." Together with his Majestys thirteenth Instruction, and an Additional Instruction, dated at St James's the 11th day of September 1767, and desired the Opinion of this Board, whether he could, consistent with those Instructions, give his Assent to the said Bills.

The Board taking the same into Consideration are of Opinion, that as the said Bills are not to be in force, or to take any Effect, untill his Majesty's Royal Approbation be thereunto had and declared, his Excellency may, consistent with the said Instructions, give his Assent to the same.

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 7th of May 1768

Present
His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor.

Peter Kemble

David Ogden	John Stevens
Samuel Woodruff	John Ladd
Earl of Stirling	James Parker

His Excellency laid before the Board a Memorial from Cornelius Low Esqr which being Read, Ordered that the same be referred to the farther Consideration of this Board.

His Excellency in Council signed the following Warrant on the Treasury.

N° 291. To James Parker for printing &c as p his Acct allowed the 26th of April 1768..... £48 „ 9 „ 6

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 10th of May 1768

Present
His Excellency William Franklin Esq. Governor

Peter Kemble	John Stevens
Samuel Woodruff	John Ladd
Earl of Stirling	James Parker

His Excellency laid before the Board a Bill Entituled An Act for appointing Commissioners for supplying the several Barracks in this Colony" &c And as he concieves the said Bill in some particulars not exactly conformable to an Act of Parliament Entituled "An Act to amend and render more effectual an Act for punishing Mutiny and desertion, and for the better payment of the Army and their Quarters in America" and desired the Opinion of this Board, whether they think it advisable for him to give his Assent to the

same. Whereupon the Council acquainted his Excellency, that in their Legislative Capacity, they Amended the said Bill, so as to make it strictly comformable to the Act of Parliament That the Assembly rejected those Amendments and Nem. Con. adhered to their Bill, That Considering the present Exigency and necessity of his Majesty's Troops in this Colony being provided with the necessaries therein mentioned, and having no hopes of that Provision being at present made in any other manner, they were induced to pass the Bill in its present Form. That for these Reasons, and as all the necessaries required by the Act of Parliament, are provided for in the present Bill, differing from the said Act chiefly in the Mode of Application, do think it most advisable for his Excellency to give his Assent to the same.

His Excellency with the Advice of Council was pleased to Sign the following Warrants.

N° 292.	To the Honble Peter Kemble Esqr for 31 days Attendance at this Session from the 12th of April to this day inclusive.....	£9 „ 6 „ —
293.	To the Honble John Stevens Esq for 40 days at this & a former Sessions	12 „ 0 „ —
294.	To the Honble John Ladd Esq for 27 days attendance this Session....	8 „ 2 „ —
295	To the R^t Honble William Earl of Stirling for 31 days attendance this Session.....	9 „ 6 „ —
296.	To the Honble James Parker Esq for 29 days attendance this Session....	8 „ 14 „ —
297	To the Honble Samuel Woodruff Esq for 30 days attendance this Session.....	9 „ „ —
298	To Jonathan Deare Esq for 28 days attendance as Clk of the Assembly,	

	& for Pens, Ink Paper & Extra. Clerks....	29 „	0 „ —
299	To John Johnston Esq. for his Acc^t for Chairs, Tables & Wood for the Assembly.....	30 „	3 „ —
300	To Richard Hewes two years Salary as Door Keeper of the Council &c	20 „	„ —
301	To Henry Richards Door Keeper of the Assembly 29 days attendance..	5 „	1 „ —
302	To Stephen Skinner Esq. Expenses for Conveying W^m and Saml Layton to the Gaol in Monm^th allowed p Support Bill.....	4 „	14 „ —
303	To Jabez Rogers, late a Soldier, for Wages &c having been carried to England.....	40 „	8 „ —
304	To John Stevens Esq for 20 days Attendance in June 1766. £6. and for sending an Express to Trenton with Counterfeit Money £2 „ 7....	8 „	7 „ —
305.	To And^w Robinson for 29 days attendance as Serjeant at Arms.....	4 „	7 „

At a Council held at Perth Amboy the 11th of May 1768

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esquire Governor

Earl of Stirling	John Ladd
The Honble John Stevens	James Parker

The Memorial from Mr Berrien, respecting his dispute with Mr Low, and Mr Lows Memorial in answer thereto, were severally read and considered.

Ordered, that the Clerk do serve Mr Berrien with a Copy of Mr Lows Memorial, and that Mr Berrien be directed to Obey the Order of this Board of the 29th of April, by giving

his Reasons if any he has, for writing a Letter of so extraordinary a nature to Mr Low.

The Petition of Mr Berrien relative to the late dispute between him and the Chief Justice, in which he requests that the Opinion of this Board of the 22d of April may be erased from the Minutes, or that the Charges Exhibited by the Chief Justice against him, with his Answer thereto may be inserted therein, being again read and Considered, The Board are of Opinion that it would by no means be proper to Erase the said Minutes, especially as a Copy thereof was delivered to him by the Clerk, on the same day on which it was made, and he thereupon acknowledged himself perfectly satisfied with the Justice and Lenity of the determination of this Board, nor can the Board think it necessary to insert the Charges, and Answer at Large therein as all the papers relating to the dispute are filed, and in the Hands of the Clerk of this Board, to which Access may at any time be had, and as it must naturally have a tendency to revive the late unhappy disputes which subsisted between him and the Chief Justice, and which in his said Petition he acknowledged to be now all settled.

At a Council held at Burlington May the 16th 1768

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esqr Governor

The Hoñble { Charles Read, John Smith, Samuel Smith, Fred: Smyth } Esqrs of His Majestys Council

The Governor Informed the Board that Frequent applications had been made to him by the House of Representatives for a Dissolution of that House, and asked the Opinion of the Board whether it would be advisable to comply with the said request at this time, Whereupon the Board Advised his Excellency to issue a proclamation to dissolve the present

Assembly, and to issue Writs for a New Election of Representatives as soon as conveniently may be.

His Excellency was pleased to issue the following proclamation.

By his Excellency William Franklin Esqr Captain General, Governor and Commander in Chief in and over his Majestys Province of New Jersey, and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor and Vice Admiral in the same &c

A Proclamation

Whereas The House of General Assembly of this Province, have by Message requested of Me a dissolution, that their Constituents may have an Opportunity of a New Election of Representatives. I being willing and desirous to gratify the good People of this Province in every reasonable request do therefore by virtue of the Power and Authority to me given by His present Majesty under the Great Seal of Great Britain, dissolve this present Assembly, and they are hereby accordingly dissolved, of which all Persons concerned are to take Notice and Govern themselves accordingly. Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms in Council, at the City of Burlington, the Sixteenth day of May in the Eighth Year of his Majestys Reign A Dom̃. 1768

Wm FRANKLIN

By His Excellencys Command

JOS: REED jun^{or} D Secretary .

God save the King

The Governor laid before the Board a Representation dated the 24th of March last containing a Complaint from John Hatton Esqr[1] Collector of Salem of the ill treatment himself and his Deputy John Clark had received from Sundry Civil Officers of that place, which being read, The Chief Justice informed the Board that the said Collector of Salem, having

[1] See N. J. Archives, X., 205, 207, 209, &c.

Complained to him of frequent opposition to the discharge of his Duty in that Post, from several Persons Magistrates and others, with so much insult and Contempt that he conceived the safety of his Person indangered; And that thereupon he, the Chief Justice took occasion at a Court of Oyer and Terminer, held for the said County on the 28th of April last, to mention the Complaint of the Collector to the Grand Jury then Assembled for that County, and particularly gave it in Charge to them to examine into the said Complaint, and if they should find the same well founded that they should find Bills of Indictment against all Delinquents without respect of Persons.

But that the Grand Jury before they were dismissed from their Attendance at that Court, after having waited two Days, declared to the Chief Justice, that neither the said Collector, or any other Person whatsoever had appeared before them to Complain of any of the Magistrates or others touching the Opposition or ill usage suggested by the Collector in the discharge of the Duty of his Office.

The Council taking the same into Consideration do advise his Excellency to order a Copy of the said Complaint to be served upon the Persons therein Complain'd against, and require them to send their Answer thereto in writing to the Secretary to be laid before the Governor.

His Excellency was pleased to Sign the following Warrant

N° 306.	To the Honble Frederick Smyth Esqr Chief Justice, for attending the Courts of Oyer and Terminer in the Counties of Gloucester, Salem and Cape May, in April last and this present Month.....	£30 „ 0 „ —

At a Council held at Burlington the 23d of May 1768.

Present
His Excellency William Franklin Esq. Governor

The Honble { Charles Read, John Smith, Samuel Smith } Esqrs

His Excellency was pleased to sign the following Warrants.

N° 307.	To himself or order for one Quarters Salary as Commander in Chief of the Colony ending the 21st of May instt	£300 „ — „ —
308.	To the same for one Quarters House Rent ending as above	15 „ — „ —
309.	To the Honbl Fred: Smyth Esqr for one Quarters Salary as Chief Justice ending as above	37 „ 10 „ —
310.	To the same for twelve days attendance as one of his Majestys Council at a session in April last,	3 „ 12 „ —
311.	To the Honbl Charles Read Esq. for One Quarters Salary as Second Justice of the Supreme Court, ending the 21st instant	12 „ 10 „ —
312.	To the same for attendance as one of his Majestys Council Vizt 21 days at Session in June 1767, & 16 days in April last	11 „ 2 „ —
313	To John Berrien Esq for one Quarters Salary as third Justice of the Supreme Court ending as above	12 „ 10 „ —
314	To Joseph Reed Esq for one Quarters Salary as Clk of the Council ends as above	7 „ 10 „ —
315	To Cortland Skinner Esq one Quar-	

	ters Salary as Attorney General ending as above.....	7 „ 10 „ —
316	To Samuel Smith Esqr One Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers, ending as above.....	10 „ 0 „ —
317	To Stephen Skinner Esq one Quarters Salary as one of the Treasurers, ending as above.....	10 „ 0 „ —
318.	To Joseph Warrall Esq. One Quarters Salary as Clk of the Circuits, ending as above.....	5 „ 0 „ —
319.	To John Carty one Quarters Salary as Door keeper to the Council ending as above.....	2 „ 10 „ —
320.	To Samuel Smith Esq for exchanging ragged Bills in the year, ending the 11th ins^{t} £3314 „ 1 „ 9 @ 2½ p C^{t}..	82 „ 17 „ 0¼
	and on 5004 „ 8 „ 9 Sunk by the Justices &c. at 1 p C^{t}.....	50 „ 0 „ 10½
		£132 „ 17 „ 10¾
321.	To the same for 21 days attendance as one of his Majestys Council at a Session in June 1767.....	£6 „ 6 „ —

The Board were of Opinion that it was unnecessary to have the Warrants Counter Signed by the Secretary, as they were Signed by the Governor in Council, and Entered in the Book of Council Minutes.

At a Meeting of the Privy Council of the Province of New Jersey at Burlington July the 14th 1768.

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esq Governor

The Honble { Charles Read, John Smith, Samuel Smith } Esq^{rs}

John Hatton Esq Collector of his Majestys Customs for the Port of Salem. Doctor Clark (whom said Hatton calls his Deputy), Grant Gibbon Esq. One of the Justices of the Peace, and Edward Test Esq. Sheriff of Salem. attending according to appointment, The Complaint of the said John Hatton (contained in a Remonstrance agst Grant Gibbon and Edward Test Esq^{rs} for abuses he had received from them in the Execution of his Office) Also a Subsequent Complaint against Robert Johnston Preston Carpenter and George Trenchard Esq^{rs} Justices of the Peace for the County of Salem (for a Neglect of Duty in not taking notice in the manner requested by Mr Hatton of one William Pyke, charged by said Hatton with obstructing him in the Execution of his Office, and cursing the King) and some depositions produced by the said Hatton relating to the same together with Sundry Depositions produced by the said Robert Johnson, Preston Carpenter, George Trenchard Grant Gibbon and Edward Test Esq^{rs} were severally read and Considered, and the parties present were fully heared thereupon.

The Board are of Opinion that the Charges against the Persons Complained of, are by no means supported.

That Assistance has not been in a regular manner applied for by the said John Hatton, to any of the Civil Officers at Salem, and refused.

That it appears by the Depositions of many respectable Persons that there is not any Contraband or Illicit Trade carried on in the District of Salem nor has been since Mr Hattons Residence there, though there may have been some instances of irregularities, such as the Masters of Boats passing between Philadelphia and Salem, neglecting to take out the proper Papers from the respective Custom Houses: But even of this practice no proof hath been Offered to the Board.

That the Behaviour of the said John Hatton in private Life, has Occasioned the Quarrells and Treatment complained of, and that they have not taken rise from his discharging his Duty as Collector of his Majestys Customs, or in respect to the Revenue.

That on a prudent Change in his Conduct in private life, he may live at Salem and exercise the Duties of his Office with Safety to his Person, and put all the Acts of Trade in full Force.

And that since the Abuses mentioned in Mr Hattons Complaint the Chief Justice has held a Court of Oyer and Terminer in the County of Salem, but Mr Hatton altho' advised thereto by his Excellency, and the inquiring therein recommended from the Bench to the Grand Jury, did not apply for Redress, or offer any Proofs of the ill Usage suggested in his Petition, alledging that he could not attend upon the Court from his being Lame, and an apprehension of Danger to his Person which the small distance Mr Hatton was from the Court, and the Opportunity of writing being Considered does not appear to be a sufficient reason for omitting his Application, especially as the Witnesses, if he could have produced any, were lying in or near the Town of Salem where the Court was held, and would have attended if the usual or Common Steps had been taken.

That with regard to the Conduct of the Magistrates complained of for neglect of Duty in Pikes Affair—It appears to this Board that Mr Hatton was not in the Execution of his Office at that time but was removing his own Household Goods by Water to another place; and tho' in several Depositions of Persons then present and now laid before the Board, it is asserted that Pike was not heared to Curse the King, or use any words of that import, as alledged by Mr Hatton, yet the Magistrates did, upon Mr Hattons Complaint, bind him over to the next Court of Quarter Sessions that Inquiry might be made therein in due Course of Law. And that during the Examination of the said Pike, Mr Hatton and his Deputy, tho' treated with Civility and Decency by the Magistrates, behaved to them with great Rudeness and disrespect.

At a Council held at Burlington on Saturday the 23d of July 1768

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esquire Governor

The Honble { Charles Read, John Smith, Samuel Smith } Esqrs

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter he had received by Express from Cortland Skinner Esqr Attorney General of this Province, dated 22d instant acquainting him that on the night of the 21st instt the House of Stephen Skinner Esqr one of the Treasurers of this Province was broke open and robbed of Cash to the Amount of six or seven thousand Pounds, which was in an Iron Chest, in which the publick Money when Cut from the sheets and Signed by the Treasurer is put,[1]

Also a Letter from the said Stephen Skinner Esqr to Samuel Smith Esqr of the same Date, acquainting him that "a set of Thieves had broke or some how got into his House, where, after breaking open his Desk and taking out about forty or fifty Pounds, they met with the Key of the Iron Chest, which they opened and Swept Clean, carrying off between Six and seven thousand Pounds, and went off, leaving Mr Skinners Sword drawn on the Table by the Chest."

His Excellency likewise acquainted the Board that he had this Morning sent an Order to the Printer of the Pennsylvania Chronicle to publish an Account of the said Robbery in his Paper of next Monday, as he thought he had not Circumstances sufficiently descriptive for a Proclamation.

His Excellency desired the Opinion of the Board as to the further Steps proper to be taken on this important occasion.

The Board after deliberate Consideration do advise his Excellency to write to the Chief Justice by Express to

[1] See N. J. Archives, X., 37.

make strict inquiry into the usual Method in which the Publick Money has been kept by the Eastern Treasurer, and to be very minute in his Examination into every Circumstance relative to this Robbery, and into the Steps which have been taken in order to detect the Perpetrators thereof and to transmit to him Copies of the depositions taken on the Occasion as speedily as possible.

And also to write to the Attorney General to obtain from the Eastern Treasurer a particular description of the Kinds and Quality of the Money Stolen and the Amount thereof, together with such other Particulars as may be necessary to be inserted in a proclamation for the apprehending the Robbers.

At a Council held at Burlington on Tuesday the 26th of July 1768

Present

His Excellency William Franklin Esquire Governor

The Hon̄ble { Charles Read, John Smith, Samuel Smith } Esquires

His Excellency laid before the Board a Letter he received this morning by Express from the Chief Justice dated the 25th instant, and a letter from the Attorney General of the same date on the subject of the late Robbery of the Treasury at Perth Amboy, together with the Depositions of Stephen Skinner Esqr and his Apprentice William Campbell, taken before the Chief Justice which Depositions are as follows viz.

New Jersey City of Perth Amboy ss. Personally appeared before Frederick Smyth Esq. Chief Justice of the Province of New Jersey this twenty fifth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and sixty eight, Stephen Skinner Esq. Treasurer of the Eastern Division of New Jersey, who being duly sworn deposeth and saith, that

about six o'Clock on Friday morning the twenty second instant, he was waked up by his Negro Boy, who told this Deponent that the Office Window was broke open, the Iron Chest opened and the Money taken out, and that this Deponents Sword was drawn and laid on the Table in the same Room, upon which this Deponent immediately went down the Stairs, found the East Window of the same Room open, and some marks of Violence on the Shutter, the Chest carried from its place to the said Window and there opened with a Key that this Deponent hath never used, but always kept locked up in a private Drawer of a Desk that stood in the same Room, which Key was deliver'd to this Deponent by the Executors of Andrew Johnston Esqr the late Treasurer, sometime after he received from them the Iron Chest aforesaid. That the Money in the said Chest amounted to about Seven thousand eight hundred and fourteen Pounds nine shillings all in paper Money, except about seven hundred Dollars in two Baggs; That the said Paper Money was the remainder of a larger sum this Deponent had bundled up some time in February last; all which said Paper Money was stolen and carried off, except one hundred and seventy Pounds left in the said Chest, and further this Deponent saith that the said Desk which stood in the said Room as aforesaid was broke open and every Drawer searched, That in the said Desk was about forty Pounds in ragged Money, and five or six half Johannes, which were Also stolen; And this Deponent further saith that the Key with which he always opened the said Chest, was commonly, and on the Night on which the Robbery was Committed, locked up in an Escrutore in a Back Room, that the Bills stolen are of different denominations from six Pounds and under, but most of fifteen shillings and upwards, Signed by Richard Smith, John Johnston and this Deponent and are as this Deponent believes of the Emissions of one thousand seven hundred and sixty three, and one thousand and seven hundred and sixty four, except about five or Six hundred pounds of said Bills which had been Current, and were a

little worn, and bundled up in said Chest. That among the Bills left in the said Iron Chest after the Robbery aforesaid, there was only one Bill of three Pounds, the remainder left of Lower Denominations and mostly Small Bills.

This Deponent further saith that the Money stolen was bundled up twenty Bills in a Bundle and tied or pinn'd round with a piece of Paper. And further this Deponent saith that he keeps the publick Money in Sheets as delivered him by the Signers, that from these sheets he, this Deponent usually Cut the Bills from time to time, and when so cut bundled the same up twenty in a Bundle as aforesaid, and for greater Security hath always put the Money so bundled up in the said Iron Chest, That the said Money as aforesaid Stolen, was by this Deponent so put up into the said Chest in February last as aforesaid.

STEPHEN SKINNER

Sworn the 25th day of July 1768
at Perth Amboy Before Me

FRE: SMYTH

New Jersey ss. William Campbell aged sixteen Years, an Apprentice to Stephen Skinner Esqr one of the Treasurers of the Province of New Jersey, being duly sworn deposeth and saith that some time in the Spring, but the Month he doth not recollect, he helped Mr Skinner to count the Money that was in the office, which amounted to Eleven thousand and forty, or eleven thousand four hundred Pounds proclamation Money, but is certain it was above eleven thousand Pounds, That the Money was bundled up in Bundles, but doth not remember whether the whole was twenty Bills in a Bundle, but has since often Counted Money when Mr Skinner was going to pay it away, and there was generally twenty Bills in a Bundle. And this Deponent further saith that he has often Cut Bills from the sheets for Mr Skinner and bundled them up twenty in a Bundle, & that he has cut Bills of thirty Shillings and under that Denomination, but never above, and always was directed to bundle them twenty in a

Bundle, that once or twice he cut Money and did not Bundle them up, but delivered them to said Stephen Skinner, as he was employed about other Business, who tied them up in a Handkerchief and put them in his Desk.

This Deponent further saith that when the above eleven thousand, or Eleven thousand four hundred pounds was Counted, it was first put into the Wooden Chest and then the Bundles counted over again into the Iron Chest, and mark'd on the List by this Deponent, And this Deponent further saith that he handed the above Eleven thousand and forty, or eleven thousand four hundred Pounds to Mr Skinner, who placed the same in the Iron Chest, part of the above eleven thousand and forty or eleven thousand four hundred Pounds was Sheets unsigned, This Deponent further saith, that the above Money was in new Bills, that he don't remember to have seen any Old Money or worn Bills amongst the above Sum, but that it was in New Money as he believes. That on the twenty second day of July in the Morning he found the Office Door lock'd with the Brass Lock, but knows not whether it was locked with the Key, that upon opening the Door he found the Window open and the Iron Chest removed from its place and standing by the Window, the Desk broke open and the little Drawers of the same haul'd out, a Sword of Mr Skinners lying on the Table drawn with the point towards the Window, that he immediately shut the Door and asked Bob the Negro Boy whether Mr Skinner had been in the Room that morning, who replied that he was not up yet, he then asked whether Mr Skinner had counted Money the Night before, to which the Boy replied no, he was not in the Room that night, this Deponent then declared he is robbed, he then gave the Sword to Bob to carry up stairs to Mr Skinner, who then came down and said he was robbed. And further this Deponent saith that the said East Window was by this Deponent to the best of his Knowledge and Remembrance shut and fastened, and was not Opened the whole day before the Robbery committed as aforesaid.

WILLIAM CAMPBELL

Sworn at Perth Amboy this
25th of July 1768 Before Me

FRE: SMITH.

Whereupon the Council advised his Excellency to issue a Proclamation, which was accordingly done, and is in the following words.

By his Excellency William Franklin Esq. Captain General Governor and Commander in Chief of His Majestys Province of New Jersey and Territories thereon depending in America, Chancellor, and Vice Admiral in the same &c^a

A Proclamation

Whereas it appears to me on Oath that the House of Stephen Skinner Esq. Treasurer of the Eastern Division of this Province at Perth Amboy, was in the night of the 21st instant robbed of Money to the amount of seven thousand Pounds and upwards, by some Person or Persons unknown, part of the said Money being in Dollars, a Small Part in Gold, and the rest chiefly in New Bills of Credit of this Province; And although diligent Search hath been made after the Perpetrator or perpetrators of this daring and attrocius Robbery, he or they remain as yet undiscovered.

I have therefore thought fit to notify the same by proclamation hereby requiring and Commanding all Judges, Justices of the Peace, Sheriffs and other Officers of this Province, to be particularly vigilent in discovering the Robber or Robbers and securing the said Money, and for that purpose to examine all Persons they shall have reason to suspect of being concerned in comitting the said Crime.

And in Order to encourage a Zeal & Activity in this matter I do hereby with the Advice of His Majestys Council (besides paying the Sum of Fifty Pounds, provided by the Government in Cases of Burglary.) promise to recommend to the General Assembly that Provision be made in the Amplest manner, to reward any Person or Persons, who shall detect,

apprehend, or cause to be apprehended, any or either of the Persons concerned in the said Robbery, so that he or they be Convicted thereof; And over and above the said reward I do hereby promise his Majestys most gracious Pardon to any accomplice who shall discover and prosecute to Conviction, any one or more of the said Offenders.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms at the City of Burlington the twenty sixth day of July in the Eighth Year of His Majesty's Reign. Anno Domini 1768

Wm FRANKLIN.

By his Excellencys Command,

JOS: REED JUNr D Secretary.

God save the King.

The Council farther Advised his Excellency to cause the said Proclamation to be inserted in all the News Papers of Philadelphia and New York, and a number of loose Copies to be printed and dispersed in this and the adjoining Provinces; to write to the Governors of New York Connecticut and Pennsylvania, inclosing a Copy of the said Proclamation, and Mr Skinners Deposition, and requesting their Assistance in endeavouring to recover the Money and bring the Offenders to Justice, And to cause an Express to be sent to little Egg harbour, and from thence along the Sea Coasts, & thro' the Southern Counties of this province, to circulate the said proclamation, and put the Magistrates and other Inhabitants in that Quarter on Making due inquiry; The Board being inform'd that Expresses have been already sent to Alarm the Inhabitants of the Eastern parts of the Province.

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